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Take A Step — Come Out!

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) is October 11! That's the day that the national NCOD committee urges gay persons and organizations to take a step in the process of coming out.

Starting in October, 1988, 200 gay community leaders from

across the country gathered in Virginia to form NCOD which is intended to be a positive, affirming group which will increase the visibility of the more than 20 million gay persons in the United States. National Coming Out Day is demonstrating and celebrating the fact that — We Are Everywhere!

the philosophy behind NCOD is that being invisible is unhealthy for gays, lesbians and society as a whole — it fosters misunderstanding and bigotry — and robs younger generations of role models that is, alternate points of view and opportunities to grow up with dignity. ■

Gay-Bashing—Fact or Fiction?

by Deborah Reick
OF MGW STAFF

Anti-lesbian and anti-gay violence or gay-bashing... Is it on the rise in Sacramento? That seems to depend on who you talk to. Lee Dohm, Deputy Chief of the Sacramento Police and liaison to the gay community, says he doesn't see any escalation — that the reports of anti-gay violence are no greater than they have been in the last four years. "I seem to think in my mind there is a lot of rumor. I see some assaults that are happening but I do not see it escalating," Dohm said.

However, part of the problem may be that victims of bashing incidents are just not reporting it. Tim Warford, executive director of the Sacramento Stop AIDS Project at the Lambda Center says there is a closet mentality involved. "I think some of the things that came out (at a town meeting on gay-bashing) is people have concerns about identifying themselves. Some people are in the closet and they're afraid if they report somebody somehow is going to put two and two together and go looking in the police reports to see that they were beat up outside a gay bar and it's going to

have implications for their jobs."

According to Dohm, that is not the case. "I can solve some fears... some people are afraid we will call their employer or tell their neighbor, we don't do that," Dohm said.

As a result of conversations on the issue which took place last April between MGW Editor Marghe Richards and Rev. Jerry Sloan, the Lambda Center will now provide a

tracking service for gay-bashing incidents. Lambda is taking incident reports and suggests that people do make a police report. However, they don't have to make a police report to make one to Lambda Center. Lambda will share the information with the Human Rights Commission. People can report to Lambda which will main-

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What Should You Do?

- 1) If you need medical help, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room or clinic.
- 2) Be alert, report what happened to the police.
- 3) Include a description of your attackers.
- 4) Notice what they say.
- 5) Remember names, distinctive marks, hair or clothing.
- 6) Know where the attack took place.
- 7) Notice the time.
- 8) If you can, notice the car or a license number.
- 9) When you contact the police, know what agency you are talking to. Police Department (blue uniform) work in city proper, Sheriff's Department (green uniform) work in county, Highway Patrol (Khaki or beige uniform) work freeways, highways, rest stops and truck stops.

If you are reporting an incident or are arrested, you should:

- 1) Note the badge number and name of the officer.
- 2) Note the number of the patrol car.
- 3) Where you are.
- 4) The time and date.
- 5) Observe where you are taken and if you are charged with anything.
- 6) Note what is said and if you are treated in a rude manner or if derogatory comments are directed at you, and if physical force is used.
- 7) Report these incidents! Call the internal affairs office of the Agencies involved.
- 8) Make sure a report is taken.
- 9) Follow through!
- 10) Call Lambda for the Report at 442-0185.
- 11) Call MGW at 441-6397. ■



Photo by Melba Duncan
DANCERS AND REVELLERS CREATED Carnival on the streets at the very successful September 9 Artist Fashion Show Goes to Rio which was held at the Crest Theatre to benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

October 6 AIDS Protests

On October 6th, the AIDS Coalition To Network Organize and WIN (ACT NOW) is coordinating nationwide AIDS protests. The multi-focus actions are timed to coincide with the final unfolding of the Names Quilt in Washington, DC. AIDS activists organizations across the country are demanding action be taken to end the growing AIDS death toll.

Activities currently planned will take place in Washington, D.C.; Orlando, FL; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Ann Arbor, MI; Chicago, IL; Kansas City, MO; Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; Pittsburg, PA; Sonoma Co., CA; Minneapolis, MN; Austin, TX; Boston, MA; Atlanta, GA; and Oklahoma City, OK.

Support and enthusiasm for the October 6 demonstration and civil disobedience at the Westwood Federal Building in Los Angeles

for better federal AIDS programs continues to grow. ACT UP/LA, ACT UP/Long Beach and Orange County Visibility League, the sponsors of the action are predicting at least 100 of their members will risk arrest and additional hundreds will be on hand to show their support.

A number of prominent individuals have also indicated their willingness to be arrested to show their determination to secure better AIDS policies. Included are ministers, publishers, attorneys and artists.

The rally will begin at 6a.m. and will shut down the Federal Building. The peaceful action will symbolize the community's determination not to allow business as usual while friends and loved ones die.

For more information, call ACT UP/LA at 213-668-2357 or 876-8766. ■

Catholics Discuss Homophobia

A workshop titled "Homophobia in Religion and Society," sponsored Thursday September 7, by Mercey San Juan Hospital attracted many Roman Catholics in this area including Bishop Francis Quinn and Father George Schuster, S.D.S., editor of the prestigious Catholic Herald.

The workshop is one of hundreds conducted yearly since the early 1970s by Sister Janine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent on the subject of Homophobia. Originally, their New York based Center for Homophobia Education was conceived to help priests and others involved with ministry to cope with the special pastoral needs of gays and lesbians. However, their focus has evolved to helping the heterosexual community understand itself in relation to homosexuality — the prejudice, the theological and psychological foundations of emotions and the rational and irrational fears of what is termed homophobia.

Their workshops in part respond to the 1987 U.S. Bishops' statement "The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response," which stated, "Those who are gay or lesbian should not be the objects of discrimination, injustice or violence," and urged that

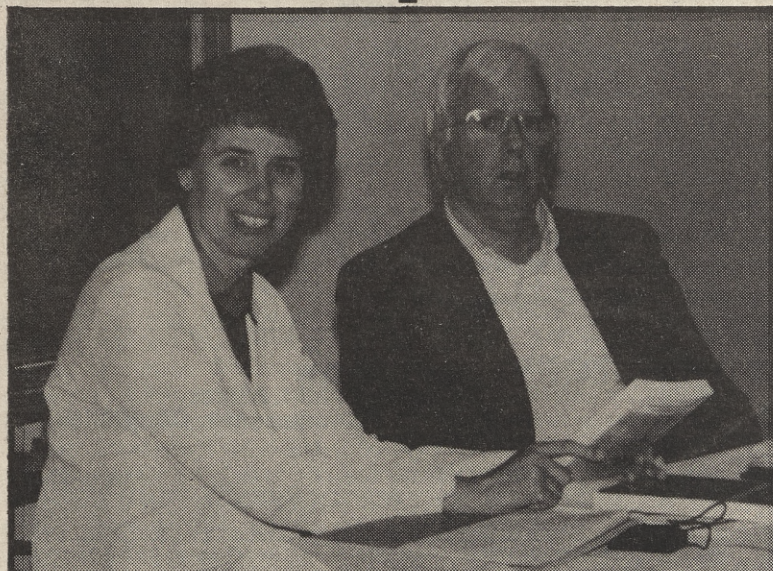


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SISTER JANINE GRAMICK AND Father Robert Nugent — workshop on Homophobia in Religion and Society, at Mercey San Juan Hospital, McCauley Pavillion on September 7, 1989.

educational programs about high-risk groups be undertaken — including homosexual persons.

Gramick and Nugent dealt with the characteristics of homophobia, including that of homosexuals themselves which is characterized in "self-loathing." They described homophobia as emotional, most irrational fear. They compared homophobia with what they term "homonegativity," which is usually institutional, that is

discrimination as practiced by governments, religions and businesses, usually dispassionate and generally not characterized by emotion and fear.

The pair covered a great many aspects of the subject and urged pastoral ministers to "educate and sensitize parishioners and others to an understanding of homosexual people so that they can be accepted and affirmed as full, complete and mature

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Eckert Wins!

Lt. Col. David K. Eckert, a United States Air Force pilot and former writer for MGW, retired with full honors earlier this month. Eckert, 44, is also receiving his full pension and benefits despite earlier efforts to strip him of those benefits because Air Force officials learned he has the AIDS virus.

Eckert was assigned to desk duty and stripped of security clearances after his bosses received anonymous calls about his sex life.

In spite of the fact Eckert has been decorated many times, that he holds a Master's degree in human relations and has been an exemplary officer, he became the object of a military investigation. When the investigation failed to

find sufficient evidence to prosecute Eckert on the charges of sodomy, indecent acts, and conduct unbecoming an officer, his squadron commander initiated an action for administrative discharge which could have resulted in Eckert's discharge from the service with no benefits.

Instead however, Eckert will receive full benefits and his estranged wife and their two daughters will also be eligible for commissary privileges and medical benefits.

Eckert has moved to San Anselmo and is studying for the ministry. The Air Force will be paying for his tuition. He has been a member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Community Church congregation for the past four years and intends to become a minister for that body. ■

Hate in Room 112

MGW was recently informed about a proposed conference to be held from 2:30 to 4:30pm in the California State Capitol, Room 112 on Thursday, October 5. The person calling the press conference is the Rev. Lou Sheldon, lobbyist and head of a non-profit corporation called Traditional Values Coalition. The TVC has been in the forefront of a number of interesting projects aimed at gay men and lesbians. the most notable was TVC's advocacy for what he termed "Cities of Compassion" for AIDS sufferers - which turned out to be little more than concentration camps for gays. Sheldon is to be noted for the lavish meals and boxes of See's candies his organizations provides to legislators. On October 6 and 7, TVC is sponsoring a symposium in Orange, California entitled the "West Coast Symposium on Homosexuality and Public Policy Implications." Among the subjects to be studied are items like "Reparative Therapy for Homosexuals," "Establishing Public Policy on Behavior- Based Lifestyles," and "Implications for Educational Public Policy." congressmen Wil-

liam Dannenmeyer and Bob Dornan will be speakers as well as Assemblyman Gil Ferguson. If the situation is not already outrageous enough, William Allen, Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (a Reagan appointee) will also be a speaker at the symposium - an event which is tantamount to the Civil Rights Commissioner attending a forum on racism sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan. Allen states there is "nothing in TVC's background and policies to indicate discrimination." Surely, TVC's track record of discrimination should include a perspective from Virginia Uribe, the Los Angeles educator who started Project 10, an outreach program for gay and lesbian students. Her life has been made miserable by TVC's constant efforts to eliminate both her and the project. Surely her right to earn her living in her chosen profession is being jeopardized. Robert Stipicevich, school board president in Fremont, David hays, school board candidate in Concord, and activists for the domestic partners bill in San Francisco will all be relieved to hear

of TVC's benign posture regarding gays. Allen is obviously overstepping his statutory authority with his support for TVC particularly in the public policy arena. However, the handwriting was on the wall in big, block letters when Allen told MGW that "The issue of civil rights for homosexuals is open to questions of criminal and psychiatric debate." Clearly, we must be present on Thursday, October 5 when Sheldon uses the State Capitol to validate the priming of his "hate pump." Clearly, we must contact Jayne Rountree at 921-6642, who is the northern California opposition coordinator. We must call and write the White House and congressmen Don Edwards who chairs the House committee which oversees the Civil Rights Commission and state our objections to Allen's continued tenure on the Commission. We must contact Jerry Sloan and Lambda Letters and offer to help in any way we can. The clock is ticking - time is short. We must act before we tumble down the rabbit hole and hear, "Off with their heads," for the final time.

MGW WRITE

Editor:
Thank you for the wonderful donation. The Community Calendar idea is great and how lucky for Hope House that we are the first recipient.
I also wanted to thank you for the support of Hope House over my 2 1/2 years of working. I am resigning my position today. There is no new director at this point. I'm sure Kevin, my house manager, will let you know when we get a new director at Loaves and Fishes.
Keep up the good work at MGW!
Gratefully,
Cara Taylor

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humans like others. "Handouts were given to participants and several books were available for purchase, including "Homosexuality - a Positive Catholic Perspective," produced by the

Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Nugent is an author and a Salvatorian priest, an order which champions the causes of social justice. Gramick, a Sister of Notre Dame, is a prominent educator, sociologist and author. ■

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Georgia and Sodomy... Again

Georgia attorneys are challenging the conviction and jailing of an Atlanta-area man on charges resulting from private and consensual sodomy with his wife. A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in DeKalb Superior Court on July 28 to overturn the man's two-year jail sentence. The petition argues that the conviction under the 156-year-old law violates the man's right to privacy and that the law is vague and overly broad. Winning Moseley's release from jail does not preclude a legal challenge to the Georgia sodomy law based on his case.

James Moseley was accused by his wife, from whom he was being divorced, of rape and aggravated oral and anal sodomy. On May 12, 1988, a jury found him innocent on all counts of coerced sex, but convicted him of sodomy because Moseley testified that he had engaged in consensual oral sex with his wife. Clayton County Superior Court Judge William Ison instructed the jury that Moseley's admission gave them the option of considering the consensual sodomy charge. The jury returned with a verdict of guilty and Ison sentenced Moseley to five years in jail. Moseley, eligible for parole after two years, has served 17 months.

Moseley's case has received extensive coverage in the non-gay press in Atlanta and around the state. Georgia Attorney

General Michael Bowers, who argued to uphold the sodomy law in *"Bowers v. Hardwick,"* has said that "the law would have serious constitutional problems were it to be applied to a married couple."

In the wake of the Moseley case, Georgia gay and lesbian activists are considering a legislative repeal strategy to strike the law from the books. Kathy Woolard, president of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter of Georgia ACLU, said, "We've got the momentum from the press coverage. This is a big issue right now and we should strike while the iron is hot." Woolard and other activists are considering how best to prepare for the opening of the Georgia state legislature in January 1990.

Sue Hyde, director of the NGLTF Privacy Project, will work with Georgia activists on the repeal campaign. "We should always take advantage of opportunities for repeal of sodomy laws," said Hyde. "Judge Ison, due to his bizarre preoccupation with the private consensual sexual behavior of adult Georgians, has presented us with the possibility for outright repeal. This development tastes particularly sweet because Georgia is the site of the 'Hardwick' case in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared gay men and lesbians have no right to privacy. How fitting if Georgia becomes the first state to repeal its sodomy law." ■

Court Rejects Army Lesbian

In the latest development in lesbian Miriam Ben-Shalom's 13-year battle to re-enlist in the U.S. Army Reserves, the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled on August 7 that the Army is not required to re-enlist Ben-Shalom. Justifying its decision in part on a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the appeals court in Ben-Shalom upheld the Army's regulation discharging persons who "engage in homosexual conduct, or who by their statements demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct."

The new decision by a three-judge panel in Chicago reverses a lower district court ruling which had declared the Army regulation unconstitutional and had ordered the Army to re-enlist Ben-Shalom. Ben-Shalom will appeal to a full (en banc) panel of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Court accepted as "substantial" the Army's rationales for excluding lesbian and gay men from the service. The Army argued that the presence of gay people in the military was harmful to good morale, order, mutual trust, the integrity of the system and the ability of the Army to recruit and retain members. The court recognized Ben-Shalom's contention that prejudicial attitudes towards gay people formed the basis for the Army's regulation, but went to hold: "There is no doubt is prejudice against homosexuals both in and out of the Army. That possibly may be abating to a degree. However, the Army should not be required by the court to assume the risk . . . that accepting admitted homosexuals into the armed forces might imperil morale, discipline, and the effectiveness of our fighting forces."

The decision in Ben-Shalom's case is a setback for lesbian and gay activists working to secure the right to serve in the military. "We had hoped to find relief in this decision for service members who face witch-hunts and prosecutions simply for being gay or lesbian; instead we find judicial prejudice," said Hyde. ■

Challenge Trial Opens

Charging that the prison conditions at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville (CMF) are so bad that they violate the U.S. Constitution's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, attorneys for eight CMF prisoners have filed a law suit, *"Gates v. Deukmejian,"* this month in Sacramento's U.S. District Court.

The case challenges the segregation of HIV infected prisoners in the "AIDS wing." Northern California male prisoners with AIDS, and those who the Department of Corrections has identified as infected with HIV are housed at CMF. There are currently 130 prisoners on the AIDS wing.

The inmates' attorneys will present four issues to the court in the opening statements:

1. Segregation of HIV infected prisoners and conditions on the AIDS wing;
2. Overcrowding at CMF;
3. Inadequate medical care and discrimination against disabled inmates; and
4. Inadequate psychiatric care for prisoners.

The suit, which asks the court to order specific improvements in medical care and to disband the "AIDS wing," names as defendants George Deukmejian, acting Department of Corrections director James Rowland, CMF superintendent Eddie Yist, CDC Health director Dr. Nadim Khoury and other state prison officials. ■

Gay Youth at Risk

A report released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Task force on Youth Suicide acknowledges that lesbian and gay youth are at increased risk for suicide and calls for "an end [to] discrimination against youths on the basis of such characteristics as disability, sexual orientation, and financial status."

"According to research discussed in the DHHS report, suicide is the leading cause of death among lesbian, gay and other sexual minority youth," said Kevin Berrill, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Anti-Violence Project. "The increased risk of suicide facing these youth is linked to growing up in a society that teaches them to hide and to hate themselves. We welcome this report and hope it will lead to action that will save lives."

The final report also features approximately 50 papers commissioned by the DHHS Task Force on Youth Suicide, including papers on lesbian and gay youth suicide by Paul Gibson, LCSW and Joseph Harry,

Ph.D. Gibson's paper described suicide "as the leading cause of death among gay male, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual youth," and concluded that lesbian and gay youth "may comprise up to 30 percent of completed suicides annually." Dr. Harry's paper concluded that "homosexuals of both sexes are two to six times more likely to attempt suicide than are heterosexuals."

In a section focusing on prevention and interventions, the report stated that "mental health and youth service agencies can provide acceptance and support for young homosexuals, train their personnel on gay issues, and provide appropriate gay adult role models; schools can protect gay youth from abuse from their peers and provide accurate information about homosexuality in health curricula; families should accept their child and work toward educating themselves about the development and nature of homosexuality."

Copies of the report cost \$45 and can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. ■

Missing Musician: Update

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

Oakland, CA — While fellow musicians and friends of missing violist David George were playing at the Calvin Simmons Theater here and in Sacramento in early August to raise money to hire private investigators in the continuing search for the man, Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-SF) and her staff were playing at the keys of the federal telex system to get the U.S. ambassador in Bangkok to sing about what the Embassy there was doing to help locate the prominent bay area musician.

George, who was principal violist with the newly formed Oakland East Bay Symphony as well as with the San Francisco Opera and a founding member of the San Francisco String Quartet, was last heard from by his lover Bill Bombria in mid-May. At the time George was visiting the Thai resort town of Ko Samui on the Malay peninsula. When he failed to return on a scheduled return flight in his around-the-world tour, Bombria reported him missing to local police and contacted the State Department in Washington D.C. Pelosi's office heard of Bombria's report in *Outweek* magazine of

New York that Bombria had been given the "cold shoulder" at the State Department, she and her staff wired directly to U.S. Ambassador Daniel A. O'Donohue through the federal telex system inquiring about what the embassy was doing to assist in locating the missing man.

In early August Pelosi's staff reported the return wire they had received from O'Donohue. The ambassador confirmed that George had entered Thailand on May 8 but that his passport had not been used to leave the country and that the U.S. Consulate at Songkhla, south of Ko Samui, had contacted local authorities without luck in attempting to find George.

O'Donohue also told Pelosi the embassy would take out ads in papers in Bangkok and Songkhla with photographs of the missing man in the hope that someone would recall seeing him. In addition, the ambassador said embassy and consular officials would also distribute fliers with George's photo and description to local tourist police. To date, however, the ambassador said no leads to the missing man had been developed.

While it wasn't the most encouraging song David George's family and friends could have hoped to hear, at least it was an

improvement over the initial response both Bombria, George's lover of 11 years, and family members said they received from the State Department. In an interview in July, Bombria said he was "hurt and angered" at the State Department's treatment of his request for help in locating his missing lover. "I don't want to deal with a bunch of clerks who are just going to file things," he said at the time.

Partly because of Pelosi's interest in the case and the ambassador's reply, Bombria now feels that someone is taking a serious interest in locating his lover. "Other than the first problem with the state department," Bombria said, "everyone has been helpful. The Oakland police have been wonderful throughout this. But I really wouldn't have known what to do without Rep. Pelosi — if she hadn't heard about David through *Outweek* and helped with the embassy in Bangkok."

Bombria also said a fund has been set up through the local American Federation of Musicians in San Francisco to help raise money to pay for the private investigation firm in Thailand that will also be searching for his missing lover.

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A Mom Who Dared to Care

Martha Ehrhardt Thistle, a 40-year resident of Sacramento, born in Holland Kansas, April 20, 1915; passed away October 27, 1987...

Remembering my beloved Mom, who passed away two years ago this month, I am eternally grateful to have known such a caring, thoughtful, and supportive mother, who did not judge anyone according to "man made" prejudices, but loved and cherished her home and family unconditionally. Often we hear of parents who have abandoned their sons or daughters because of their lifestyles. I was one of the lucky few who did not have to suffer that rejection, nor did my friends, who she always welcomed and loved as deeply as her own family; they were special because I was special.

I wish all parents and children, of whatever orientation, could know or learn what pure, unfailing parental love and acceptance can be like — my Mom was the epitome for which all parents should strive. The beauty of such loving, giving, caring, lasting relationships between parents and children (and between adults) is anymore too rare and definitely priceless...

Yet it should not only be I who grieves, but the World — for one more truly "good" person has prematurely and permanently left this Earth, leaving behind, what seems in comparison, cold and empty materialists who seem blind to the "Love of Mankind" emotion that my Mom knew and taught me, and which was the ideal of my now forgotten 60s/70s generation. Many of us now mourn the loss of those years of universal love in the "Us" generation...

Caring, thoughtful, sentimental — qualities that cannot be bought, yet I would give EVERYTHING to have them back again...

My Mom's legacies are a son who still "dares" to care about others nearly as much as she; and countless, warm memories of many others who deeply love and miss her...

"In desperate hope I go and search for her in all the corners of my room — I find her not. My house is small, and what once has gone from it can never be regained. But infinite is Thy mansion, my Lord, and seeking her, I have come to Thy door. I stand under the golden canopy of Thine evening sky and I lift my eager eyes to Thy face. I have come to the brink of Eternity, where nothing can vanish — no hope, no dream, no vision of a face seen through tears.

Oh dip my emptied life into the ocean; plunge it into the deepest fullness. Let me for once feel that lost, sweet touch in the allness of the universe..." — Tagore

Bob Thistle

Gay Campus Groups Thrive



THE NEWLY-FORMED LAMBDA Fraternity is an active group on the CSUS Campus.

by Michael Foster
OF MGW STAFF

For most people, September just means Labor Day weekend and another Jerry Lewis telethon. But for students, September means "back to school." And "back to school" means "back to work" for gay and lesbian student organizations.

Delta Lambda Phi (DLP), a national gay fraternity, has a chapter pending at California State University, Sacramento, thanks to the efforts of CSUS student Bill Collins.

The undertaking began when Collins, now the chapter president, took a DLP brochure from a table at the Freedom Day Faire in San Francisco. Since then he has attracted 25 students to pledge the fraternity, established DLP as an official student organization, and initiated formal relations with other campus fraternities.

"We're getting a lot of support," Collins said, despite his earlier fears of upsetting the "redneck state

capitol norm attitude." Two fraternities even asked DLP to help sell Causeway Classic T-shirts, a fundraiser supporting CSUS football. "I'm kind of excited that they opened up," he said.

The first pledges, called the "alpha class," began its pledge period on September 15. "We are the largest alpha class of any fraternity at Sac State," Collins boasts.

In addition to DLP's meetings, ritual ceremonies, and community services, the group is planning a frat party with gay faculty in October; a black tie founders day party on October 15, an Amtrak tour to other California chapters in January; spring Rush Week activities with other fraternities, such as an information table, football game, and tricycle race; and a DLP national convention in San Francisco next July, according to Collins.

Delta Lambda Phi meets Sundays at 3 p.m. and members are currently charged dues of \$20 a month, although disadvantaged members pay less. For more information call Fellowship Chairman John Carlson at 924-9290.

Bisexuals, Gays, and Lesbians at Davis BGLAD is preparing for an active year, according to Treasurer Gerardo Medina. The group plans to lobby for a domestic partnership agreement for UC Davis students and employees, and hopes to establish gay and lesbian studies on campus.

BGLAD meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 433 Russell Boulevard in Davis, beginning October 7. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings, which are followed by a rap group at 8:15 p.m.

Medina said they often have workshops, such as a safe sex discussion last spring and "Bring a Heterosexual Friend Night," part of BGLAD's effort to reach out to minority communities and non-gays.

The next dance, Medina said, will be held on November 11 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., admission \$4. BGLAD also plans a volleyball game against GLAS (CSUS) at Discovery Park on October 8. For See Campus, on pg. 6

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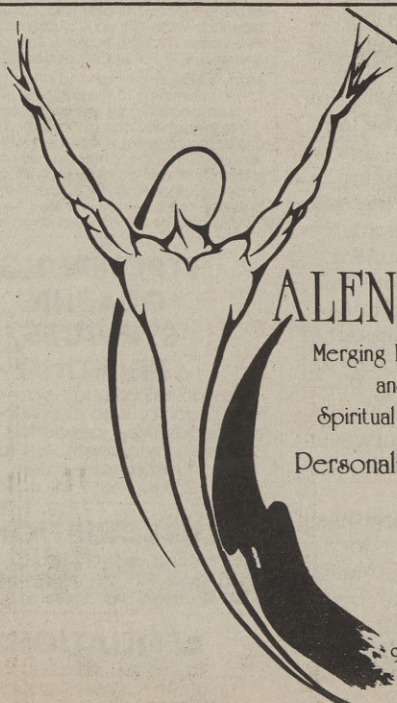
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by John Batchelor
of MGW Staff

MGW is now published twice a month. There are a few who still may not realize this. Now there's twice the information so don't miss an issue (Better yet - subscribe!). If I do say so myself, my mid-September column was quite funny & informative. • While driving by the Lincoln Plaza Atrium, I couldn't help but visualize the upcoming Phantom Ball for men on December 15. It appears that it will certainly be a class act. (The traditional Snow White Ball for women is December 16) • Is there anyone who will take me on a RSVP cruise? There are many offered in 1990. The Mexican Riviera would be a great start • We would like to wish attorney Fritz Clapp a speedy recover after his motorcycle accident. He is at UCD • SACWN celebrates five years (do you believe it!) on October 21 with a Celebration Dance at Rancho Arroyo Racket Club. And be sure to highlight November 18 on your calendars when SACWN welcomes Dianne Davidson and her rock and roll band to Sacramento • The Women's Rap & Social has six gatherings in October. That's adventurous! Some of the topics include "Lesbians & Children" and "Roles." The group meets on Monday nights at the Lambda Community Center. They are also planning a Halloween Dance for October 28 • My long time friend from Los Angeles, Vernon Mitchell, recently celebrated the victory for same-sex couple dancing at Disneyland. He along with civil rights activist Andrew Ross Exler and 16 other men and women celebrated the 9th anniversary of the court ruling. Hopefully the next time you're in Disneyland, you'll be bold and dance with the partner of your choice too • Tie One On is staging a special event "Home Show" on October 7 & 8 at 647 Sunset Court in Davis. Ellen Pontac (a fantastic dancer) and partner Shelly Bales specialize in handmade ties and suspenders • October is a great month for Pillars fans. On the 13th, they present in concert Open Road, great Country/Western duo. On the 27th come celebrate the Gay High Holy Days with a costume party. Both meetings are at the Sierra Inn. For information, 455-1771 • Boyce Hinmans' Lambda Letter Project went through some rough waters earlier this year but stayed afloat. In fact they're sailing so strong that 1,000 letters have been generated already in 1989. It only takes 20 minutes a month and the project will even compose the letter if you wish. Drop a postcard to Lambda Letters Project, 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA, 95608 • Sacramento-area residents are invited to voice



Photo by Margaret Mary Miller
ROBIN TYLER, (AT MIKE), music and comedy producer, is now producing fabulous Women's Luxury Cruises.

their health-care concerns and discuss hospital policies at regular meetings of the UCD Medical Center Community Advisory Board. Scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, at 7 p.m. in the hospital auditorium, located in the main hospital building at 2315 Stockton Blvd. The Community Advisory Board is a group of community

representatives who advise UCDMC's administrators on Sacramento's health needs and on hospital long-range planning matters. Stan Hadden is the chair of the Patient Care Committee. For information call 453-5441 • Sacramentan Greg Friel and three San Francisco teammates beat out 400 contestants to win the 2nd Annual Trivia Contest at the 35th Annual Badger Flat Run. The four day cycle event is put on by the Satyr's Motorcycle Club of Los Angeles. Do you believe one of the questions was: What was the name of Socrates' wife? • Happy October Birthday Wishes to: my Dad, Steven Doerr, Gene Moore, John David Klingensmith, Meg H. and Kate Lang • Happy Anniversary to two delightful couples Chris Meints & Doug Garrett and Jerry Pryde & Larry Englehardt. Couple number one is completing six (gasp) years together while couple number two joyfully celebrates year one • The "other columnist" Dan Palmino (aka Louella Parsons) now sports a sexy personal portrait next to his words. However dear Louella has learned that shadows, like beards, can cover a multitude of sins. Possibly a silhouette is in order for next month! • 20 New Voices joined the ranks of the Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC) recently. Not only will they sing but many will be needed at the upcoming big

bash "Hellfire Ball" Halloween party on October 28. We're talking about a party to fill a warehouse! • The Partners Restaurant on 24th Street behind DMV offers an incredible array of food in a western setting. Barbara Disney will certainly make you feel at home • Progressive Praise Productions presents a powerful performance at Joseph's Town and Country on October 21. Don't miss this SAF benefit • The Wreck Room is a great place to pick up those special publications, toys and safe-sex items. Their mini store offers a non-threatening environment • Another place to be yourself is The Town House. Whether you stop in for a cocktail or stay and have lunch or dinner, you won't be disappointed • The Buffalo Club and the Sacramento Leather Association are planning a benefit for October 21. For more details check the mid-month issue • The Mercantile's A Television Skit, Not Necessarily the News, raised \$280 for the SAF's Client Services Fund. Thanks to all • The remodeling at Faces is falling into place. It's evident there's some great changes happening • With all the current safety concerns, let's get some "self defense" workshops scheduled. Lets take control of our lives! Where's Midge Marino when we need her! • The SAF Healthy living series presents Foods for Healing & Health on



Photo by Michael Mary Addison
NORM FROWHEIN & PAUL DAVIS read out the winning numbers for the SAGA Raffle at The Townhouse. The winner of the \$500 First Prize Cash Award was Vivian McDaniel.

October 18. And not-to-be-missed is the safe-sex workshop, The Buddy Connection, on October 23 • With exhaustion setting in, this column has to end. Until mid- October....

John ■

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MGW HAPPENINGS

"Ask a Lawyer" Forum Set

The Sacramento County Bar Associations "Ask a Lawyer" Forum, Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Placer-Sutter rooms - Sacramento Convention Center. Legal experts in areas of the law ranging from personal injury and family law to estate planning and landlord-tenant disputes - will answer questions posed to them by any member of the public in attendance. The forum is a free public service provided by the local bar association. The bar will also feature free consultation on using the Small Claims Court and on using alternative dispute resolution services. For information, call (916)448-1087.

Second Call for Submissions

WIM Publications, is seeking contributions for The Lesbian and Gay Wedding Book, a nonfiction pictorial that will document same sex unions, going to press in early spring 1990. Guidelines are available. Make the world know we take our relationships and commitments seriously, and we've got proof. contributors will receive a fee or a percentage of the book sales. 3601 Crowell Road, No. 100, Turlock, CA, 95830. Dr. SDiane Bogus (209) 667-0966.

GALA POLY

Cal Poly is in the process of forming a Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association for graduates and friends of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. (California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo) On October 7 at 1 p.m. there will be a planning meeting in Sunnyvale, CA.

For further information please call (408) 245-7179 or write Cal Poly GALA, PO Box 70531, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086.

Camille Bell to Speak

Camille Bell, human rights activist, will speak at River City metropolitan Community Church, Wednesday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. A love-offering will be taken to defray expenses. On October 12 she lead a march sponsored by Amnesty International. Bell is the mother of four children, her ten-year-old son was one of the victims of the "Atlanta Murders," he was allegedly killed by Wayne Williams. It is her belief that Williams was wrongly convicted because of rumored sexual practices, and that the real murderer remains free. As a keynote speaker at UFMCC's world-wide conference last July, she brought the house down when she referred to lesbians and gays as "people of color... lavender" and stated that "we need to stop apologizing for who we are." For information, phone 454-4762.

Pillars Presents "Open Road"

On October 13 - Pillars, a gay social and networking organization, presents in concert Country Western duo "Open Road." No-host cocktails 6 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m. at the Sierra Inn. \$14 per person. On October 27 - Pillars celebrates the Gay High Holy Days. Costume party with surprises, prizes and fun. No-host cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7:30pm at the Sierra Inn.

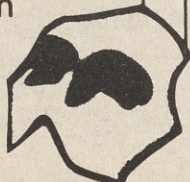
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by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
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Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America by John D'Emilio and Estelle B. Freeman, Harper and Row, 1988.

In the introduction, the authors state that in the 1960s feminists and members of gay liberation both argued that the cultural construction of gender and sexuality served political ends, namely, to keep women and homosexuals subordinate to men and heterosexuals. They ask, if this is true for the present, can we not study the past from this perspective.

This fascinating book is an account of the meaning of sexuality and includes discussions of the history of contraception, women's right to sexual pleasure, sexuality and racism, prostitution and pornography, and sex outside of marriage. But MGW's readers may be most interested in the discussion of homosexuality.

In colonial America (1730) sodomy (along with bestiality) was a crime punishable by death. Each defied the norm of reproductive sexuality. At least five men were executed for this crime. Others were punished with whippings, burning with a hot iron or banishment. But this was before there existed a category of "homosexual." Men

could repent of these crimes and return to "the fold" without an identity of "gay."

From 1840 to the 1870s there existed a utopian and "free love" movement in the United States. Many of these idealists formed utopian communities. However, they did not differ from the larger society in condemning love and sexual expression between members of the same gender. Yet at this time among the middle class there was a cult of same-sex romantic friendships for both men and women.

In mining and cowboy towns and in female academies romantic love flourished in the absence of the opposite sex. Men and women expressed passionate longings for emotional, spiritual, and physical intimacy. However, there still was no term like homosexuality to characterize these relationships.

As the Industrial Revolution propelled many young single people to the cities without the oversight of the family, same-sex relationships were unself-consciously formed. Both Walt Whitman and Horatio Alger took home men without censure in New York City. Herman Melville, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote of the ideals of "manly affection."

Some men were drawn to the frontier because of their attractions to men. There are love letters among cowboys of the West as well as evidence of temporary sex. During this time there are records of both men and women who cross-dressed and changed their gender identity in order to marry.

Women in academies courted each other in a process called "smashing." They sent each other flowers, perfumed love notes, locks of hair, and small gifts until the two became inseparable. Women kissed and caressed without censure

because female sexuality was so linked with reproduction that these relationships were not viewed as sexual.

It was not until the 1880s when a visible urban homosexual subculture appeared that the medical society began to label these relationships as "deviant." Those who loved their own sex were likely to be imprisoned in insane asylums. Dr. M. P. Wise wrote, "It is reasonable to consider true sexual perversion as always a pathological condition and a peculiar manifestation of insanity."

Between 1877 and 1924 there was a surge of women into higher education, and three-quarters of these women remained single. Many of these women committed to life-long romantic and sexual relationships in this female world of love and passion. Uninterested in becoming dutiful wives to men, they lived and worked independently from men. These "Boston marriages" were accepted by society. Since these women did not cross-dress and were upper-class, they escaped the label of "insane."

Early in the twentieth century both Freud and Havelock Ellis introduced the concept of sexual "inversion" as being innate. Ellis supported efforts to repeal laws which criminalize homosexual behavior. Still, he stated that male and female sexuality are very different — women are passive and need the stimulus of

the male to be aroused. Women's sexuality without men was not acknowledged.

The gay subculture began to take root in the 1940s Broadway plays, popular music, gay bars, and literature espoused gay themes. The war years brought more single same-sex people together away from their parents.

In the 1950s there evolved the Beat subculture which overlapped with the gay world. Both were harassed by the police. Politicians latched onto the issue of homosexuality in 1950 and began firing gay civil servants. In 1953, President Eisenhower issued an executive order barring gay people from federal jobs. The 1950s were brutal years as gay people were arrested as criminals for "sex crimes."

In the 1960s many lesbians were in the forefront of the women's liberation movement. For these women lesbianism became a form of political rebellion. While many heterosexual feminists were antagonistic to lesbians, by the mid-1970s, the oppression of lesbians became part of the feminist agenda.

June 27, 1969 marked the beginning of gay liberation with the Stonewall riot when a lesbian put up a struggle with police who were raiding the bar. Gay liberationists began to organize and urged gay people to "come out." As with feminism, the gay movement began as a very radical

critique of sexual repression, but recast itself as a reformist movement primarily concerned with civil rights.

In 1974 a landmark was achieved when the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. By the end of the '70s most states had eliminated the sodomy statute from the penal code. In 1980, for the first time, the Democratic Party adopted a gay rights plank in its platform.

The 1980s marked the emergence of the New Right which espoused a wide-ranging sexual repression, including attempts to turn back the clock on gay rights. Instead, a stalemate evolved with gay liberationists still pursuing an affirmative action agenda.

The AIDS crisis for some became a resurgence of the idealism and solidarity of the Stonewall era. Gay people poured out enormous energy to help the sick and dying. The gay male sexual subculture met the challenge of "safe sex" with more emphasis on dating, romance and monogamous relationships.

Gay liberationists still face the task of banning discrimination against homosexuals, and of teaching heterosexuals that homosexuality is a natural sexual preference.

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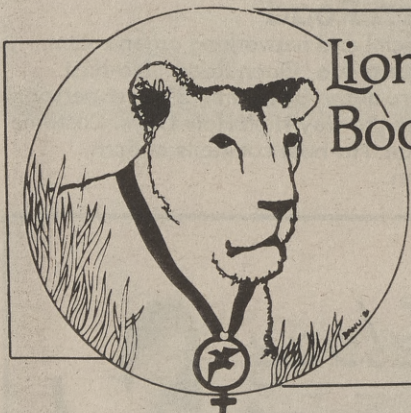
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These Lovers Flew Away by Morgan Graham, Banned Books/Edward William Publishing Company, 1988.

Once again, the "Ladies of Llangollen" are the subjects of a historical romance. In *These Lovers Flew Away*, Morgan Graham imagines the first meeting of Sarah Ponsonby and Eleanor Butler, and charts the developing course of their love.

Eleanor is the masculine daughter of a fanatical Catholic mother who wants to send Eleanor away to a convent in France to cleanse her of her un-

natural desires, and a meek and helpless father, living in 18th century Ireland.

Sarah Ponsonby is an orphan and the ward of a member of the Irish Parliament whose villainy is as luridly drawn as a goblin in a Tolkien fantasy.

While they have often been written about, I found this effort to be overwrought, and overwrought, with sometimes irritating switches in the narrator's timeframe.

Written in a style more suitable to Harlequin romances, *These Lovers Flew Away* paints an unflattering picture of Eleanor Butler portraying her as

a smitten lesbian seductress who schemes to frighten away Sarah Ponsonby's suitors, while ostensibly protecting her from the advances of her lecherous guardian, Sir William Fownes.

Sarah seemingly finds little difference between his caresses and those of Eleanor. The plot makes an inexplicable transition from her earlier attitude toward Eleanor to the romantic "living happily ever after" ending.

One can forgive a great deal in a novel if it is an absorbing evening's read, but *These Lovers Flew Away* is much more trouble than it's worth. ■

Campus

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free BGLAD newsletters, call the events tape at 753-2090.

Mail should be addressed to BGLAD, 433 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA 95616. The contact numbers for other Davis groups are: Lesbian Sharing Group (752-3299), Men's Sharing Group (752-2792), and Lesbian Network (a social planning group - 752-3372).

Gay Student Union at American River College, GSU-ARC, is a fledgling group organized last year by student Glen Martinez. Now a registered student organization with a club constitution, the group focuses on social events and peer support. As of press time, the group had not yet met for the fall.

Before school adjourned for summer, the group met every Thursday on campus for an hour. Martinez said that the meetings revolved around topics such as anti-gay harassment and coming out to parents, which are par-

ticularly important to many ARC students who live with their parents and experience harassment at school.

GSU-ARC occasionally schedules potlucks in addition to its meetings and other activities. Interested students should call the club's faculty advisor, Dr. Johns, at 484-8340.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento, GLAS, Sac State's long-established gay student organization, leaped into action this September with a full agenda of fall semester activities, including weekly meetings, monthly potlucks, a Christmas shopping trip to San Francisco on December 2, and a Volleyball game vs. BGLAD on October 8.

GLAS is a dynamic club which promotes personal growth through group interaction. The club meets on Thursdays from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in various locations on campus. Everyone is welcome to attend, according to GLAS President Gwyn De Amaral.

GLAS meeting themes include topics such as safe sex, relationships, coming out, and "breaking down barriers," and are intended to raise consciousness and self-esteem. De Amaral plans to have a gay lawyer, parents of gays and lesbians, and speakers from the gay church groups in the near future.

The group posted 300 flyers on campus before their first meeting, which drew 60 people. "We had some of our signs defaced," De Amaral complains. He advises members to follow anyone who writes on GLAS signs to their classes and get the vandals' names for the authorities.

With standing-room-only meetings, De Amaral's enthusiasm could hardly be contained. "We must be doing something right or they wouldn't be coming. The club will go nowhere but up." De Amaral may be reached at 485-4531 and the contact number for Lesbian Alliance is 395-4917. ■

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On The Record . . . A Rose is A Rose

by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

Western Dream, Ranch Romance, Rockin' J Music/Ranch Hand Records.



Photo by Karen Moscovitz

Western Dream, the recently released first album by Seattle-based cowgirls **Ranch Romance**, is an excellent example of how a first album should sound.

The album, a combination of swing, rock-a-billy and downright foot stompin' country, features each individual band member at her finest and includes some of the best harmonic yodeling I've heard in years.

After hearing **Western Dream** you'll want to get your fiddle out of hock, shine up those mud-caked boots and he-haw the night away. Definitely an album to add to your country/bluegrass collection.

Special, The Temptations, Motown Records.



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AC Black, AC Black, Mowtown Records.



Photo by Todd Gray

AC Black, a group hailing from Macon, Georgia, has taken on the musical styles of several Georgia groups and then turned them into their own.

High in energy, polished, synchronized and professional sounding, **AC Black** combines R&B, rock, upbeat, dance club and Latin beat to present a debut album well worth owning.

What I thought would turn out to be a dull, boring, copycat album proved me totally wrong and provided a spot of sunshine on a rainy afternoon.

Believe, The Jets, MCA Records.



Photo by Randee St. Nicholas

Believe, **The Jets** third album follows closely in the footsteps of both previously released albums and like them is bound to go platinum.

The Jets, aged 15-22 years of age have taken their funk style to the limit and are proving to be a superstar American pop band. While **The Jets** R&B base is evident in **Believe**, I was surprised at the perfection and passion evoked in the classic ballad stylings of one

Missing

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The two concerts by George's musical colleagues to raise money for a private investigator also has encouraged Bombria. "It was a small group of people (attending concerts)," said violinist Carol Schwamberger of the Quartet, "but they were very enthusiastic."

According to Schwamberger a \$5,000 reward for information about George has already been offered. In addition, the money their concerts have raised will go to hire Don Grove, a private detective with offices in Hong Kong and Bangkok. Grove was one of a dozen or so private investigators hired in the family's private search for the kidnapped Patty Hearst in the 1970's. ■

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Oakland, CA - In her life, Gertrude Stein rarely hid her lesbianism. Although Alice B. Toklas sometimes traveled as her secretary, she and Alice B. Toklas considered themselves married and that was it.

Much of Stein's writing reflects this honesty, even though her use of wordplay and repetition mirrors the Cubist art movement of the day. Throughout her career, she based novels and short stories on her own life as well as the friends and artists she knew.

Early works such as "Q.E.D." - meaning "to demonstrate" - detailed her first relationship with a woman. "Q.E.D. tells the story of an emotionally-charged triangle that seems impossible to unravel. Critic Edmund Wilson states the central character of Adele is based on Stein herself. The title was changed to "Things as They Are" when Q.E.D. was first published in 1950.

Stein's next novel, "Fernhurst," is based on the well-known relationship of Carey Thomas, Bryn Mawr College's president and an ardent suffragette who campaigned for women's right to an education, and her lover, English professor Mary Gwynn.

The short story "Miss Furr and Miss Skeene" is about a lesbian couple who often frequented Stein's salons at the Rue de Fleurus. It also is one of the first times the word "gay" to mean "homosexual" was used in print.



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The novella, "A Long Gay Book" takes the word one step further by arguing that each person has a fundamental nature that determines everything about the person, including his or her way of thinking and loving.

"Many Many Women," another short novel has a gay theme as does the short story "Mabel Neathe." "Portraits and Prayers" also includes Stein's poetic impressions of some gay contemporaries such as Edith Sitwell, Mabel Dodge, Virgil Thomson and Carl Van Vechten.

Stein's most famous work, ironically entitled "The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas" even though Stein wrote it, gives a fascinating portrait of Stein and Toklas' life together in their adopted homeland of France. Stein either deliberately disguised some work, such as her love poems to Alice - or she just had a lot of fun with them. Richard Bridgman was the first critic to decipher the language Stein used such as "cows" and "ceasars" for clitoris and "lifting belly" for making love. His "Gertrude Stein in Pieces" are handy to have when reading some of Stein's more obscure work.

Today, most of Stein's writing can be found in three books: "Selected Writings of Gertrude Stein," "Fernhurst, Q.E.D., and Other Early Writings" and Matisse, Picasso and Gertrude Stein." The letters of Stein and Toklas to another gay author, Samuel M. Steward, also can be read in "Dear Sammy; Letters from Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas." ■

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Buddy Connection is an Answer

by Paul Starr
OF MGW STAFF

Dear MaleBasket:

I am an attractive man who doesn't have too much trouble finding men to have sex with. My favorite act is getting and giving fellatio. In insist that my partners wear a condom but I really can't wear one myself because I am pretty big. I am terrified of contracting AIDS through this although I've been reassured by many of my partners that it is almost impossible to get AIDS from fellatio as long as there is no exchange of bodily fluids.

Sincerely, B.D.

Dear B.D.:

Please don't take this wrong, but if you are too big for a condom, you should consider seeing a surgeon. A gay party pastime that seems to be growing in popularity is pulling a condom over one's head (the big one not the little one) and blowing it up by exhaling through your nose (a ritual that I have traced to Joe Chase over at the Sacto AIDS Foundation). I know that I can get one around my ears and past my nose, so if you are bigger than the 22-inch diameter of my head (again the one above the shoulders) you are truly a mutant and I can't imagine anyone being able to fellate you.

The statement of it being almost impossible to get AIDS from fellatio reminds me of my little cousin who announced to the family that it was almost impossible to flush a grapefruit down the toilet. He had managed to do it but it wasn't easy. When dealing with something as serious as AIDS, I would be hesitant to do anything that was "almost" safe.

I also question your concern for the safety of your partners. You don't mention whether or not you know your own HIV status and from my personal judgment of your sex practices, I would tend to distrust any of your test results that are more than a month or two old. If you are antibody positive you are a carrier and you are playing Russian Roulette with the lives of everyone who services you.

There are several reputable studies that confirm, and several studies that deny the possibility of contracting AIDS from giving and receiving fellatio when seminal fluids are not exchanged.

ed. Are you willing to risk your health on believing the wrong one?

There are so many ways to have safe sex, have a lot of fun and get a lot of satisfaction. It sounds to me as though you are a perfect candidate for one of the *Buddy Connection* seminars. The *Buddy Connection* is a free, fun-filled play/workshop designed to help men to have safe and satisfying sex sponsored by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Men are asked, "What gets you Hot?" and you work together to make that safe. Throughout the activities of brainstorming, sharing, role playing, training films and coaching on the correct ways to use condoms, men are encouraged to take charge of their sex lives and eliminate unsafe sex. These seminars are a real good time. Give one a try. The next few *Buddy Connections* are held in the second floor training room at the AIDS Foundation, 1900 K Street, and are scheduled for: Monday, October 2; Monday, October 23; and Monday, December 18, all from 7 to 10 p.m., and a special Saturday session on November 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dear Mr. Basket:

I am from a large family that often gets together to celebrate holidays and birthdays. I have come out to a few members of my family and I am relatively confident that they have told some of the others — and I have no problem with that. During these family gatherings I thoroughly enjoy myself because I get to play with my nephews and nieces and little cousins. I have always loved children, and being secure in my homosexuality, this is probably the closest I will come to having children of my own.

My brother's 8-year-old son and I have become very close and we always look forward to seeing each other at these gatherings. He loves to sit on my lap and talk to me, but during our last gathering when I called him over to sit on my lap, he told me that his mother told him he could not sit on my lap anymore. I suspect that she has been told that I am gay and from her fundamentalist Christian perspective, she fears that I am going to molest him.

At first I just shrugged it off but the more I think about it, the madder I get and the more

hurt I become. How should I deal with the boy in the future? And his mother? Should I stop any kind of physical contact with the children?

Sincerely, L.K.

Dear L.K.:

Ending your contact with the children is not being fair to the children or to yourself. More significantly, you are depriving your special nephew of a very important friend and potentially a very important adult role model. I think that you need to spend a little more time trying to determine exactly where the problem is coming from.

It could be that the child had decided that he is not a baby anymore and only babies sit in the laps of adults (Of course we know that is not true. I love to have a hunky man sitting in my lap when we are talking. Don't we all?). His mother could have grown tired of him sitting in her lap and told him that until he stopped sitting in people's laps that he would always be a baby. Can you see how the conversation with your nephew could have stemmed from this?

It could be that the boy's mother thinks that his lap-sitting habit is not appropriate social behavior and told him to stop it with everyone. It could be any number of things that are not homophobic and that are not directed toward you in particular.

If you are convinced that the problem is directed at you in particular,



THE GAY DESK CALENDAR, 1990, by Michael Willhoite is scheduled for release in September. Michael Willhoite, the caricaturist for *The Washington Blade*, has selected his most attractive and witty drawings of personalities from the past and present. In a short essay accompanying each caricature, Willhoite dishes as cleverly as he draws. Also, virtually every day of the year contains an anniversary of births and important events. The calendar will make great Christmas gifts! Will be available at local bookstores or by writing: Alyson Publications, Inc., 40 Plympton Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02118.

ticular, then I think it's time you confront your sister-in-law with the problem and solve it like two mature adults. Or maybe talking the problem over with your brother might get a more compassionate and honest answer. Work out a solution that will allow you to spend the time with your nephew that both of you

want and deserve.

Either way, I don't recommend that you just sit back and live with the hurt. Family relationships, and in particular relationships with young people, are so special that it is a horrible waste to let it lose any of its sparkle because of a misunderstanding. ■



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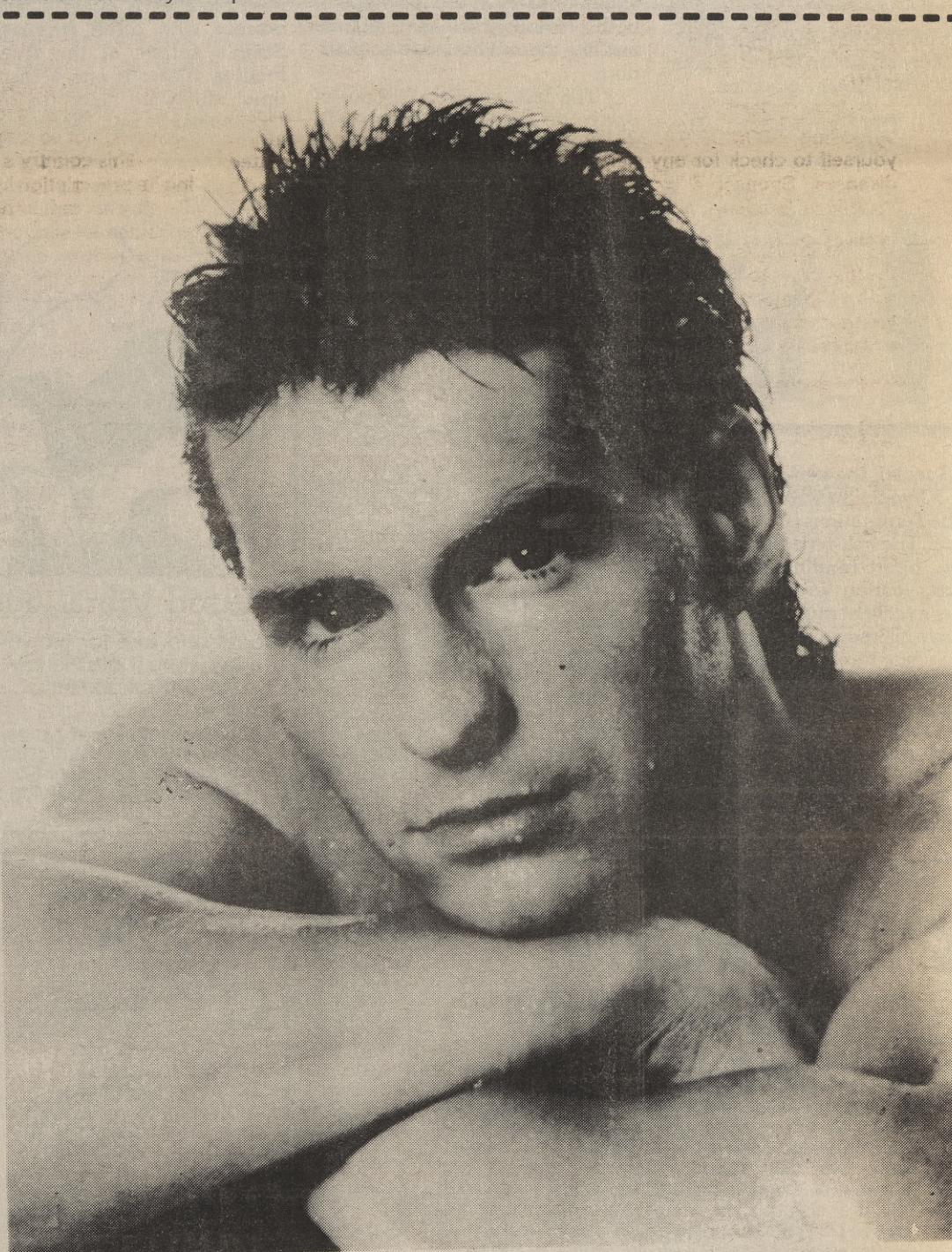
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MGW HIV NEWSLINE

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Anti-Gout Drug Helps AZT . . . Using the anti-gout drug probenecid in combination with AZT may be able to reduce the AZT dosage needed and thus save money, research is showing. Probenecid helps AZT stay in the body longer. If future drug trials continue to be positive, it is expected that AZT dosage could be cut in half, further reducing potential AZT side effects as well as helping reduce the staggering cost of AZT.

New York Wakes Up . . . New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis group recently reversed its long-standing opposition to testing for HIV; they're now urging New Yorkers to "think about" a blood test, citing recent state guarantees of confidentiality. This puts the east coast more in line with the west where Sacramento specialists have been pushing testing for over a year, and San Francisco groups joined the push within the last few months.

HIV Support... Be sure to attend the HIV support group meetings from 8 to 9:30 the first and third Wednesday of each month at CARES Clinic. Call 443-3299 for information.

Newborns... Anonymous testing of 135,000 California babies has shown that one out of every 275 Black babies, one of every 1,377 Hispanic babies, and one in 3,332 Caucasian babies is infected with HIV.

HIV Counseling... The Senate and the Assembly have passed bills requiring counseling both before and after HIV testing, and confirmation of any positive results before the person is notified.

Senate Tries Again... The State Senate has passed bills again this year requiring schools to teach all students in grades seven to 12 about AIDS unless the parents objected, and banning job discrimination against people with HIV, ARC, or AIDS. Similar bills last year were vetoed by our Governor Deukmejian.

Legal Swapping... San Francisco is putting on November's ballot an initiative to eliminate laws against owning syringes, thus making needle-swap programs legal. Sharing of infected needles by drug addicts is one of the leading ways to spread the AIDS virus.

DDC Trial Participants Wanted... UC-Davis Medical Center will be conducting a two-year trial comparing DDC to AZT. Trial is double-blind, meaning that files are sealed and neither doctors nor participants will know the who received the drug until end of trial. Participants must have AIDS or ARC, not be taking AZT, and have T-cells under 200. Constant monitoring and excellent medical care provided; in case of drug reaction, files will be unsealed and proper steps taken. Call Dr. Stuart Cohen at Infectious Diseases Center for details at 453-3741.

Look out Below... Free Genital Self-Examination guide available by calling 1-800-234-1124. It's a simple examination you can give yourself to check for any signs or symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases. Sponsored by Burroughs Wellcome in conjunction with American Academy of Family Physicians and others.

AIDS Suicide Hotline... San Francisco will soon become one of the first cities to have a nighttime suicide prevention hotline for persons with a HIV infection. It will be staffed by volunteers from nine pm to nine am seven days a week. Volunteers are now being recruited; the hotline number is not yet available. Stay Tuned. ■

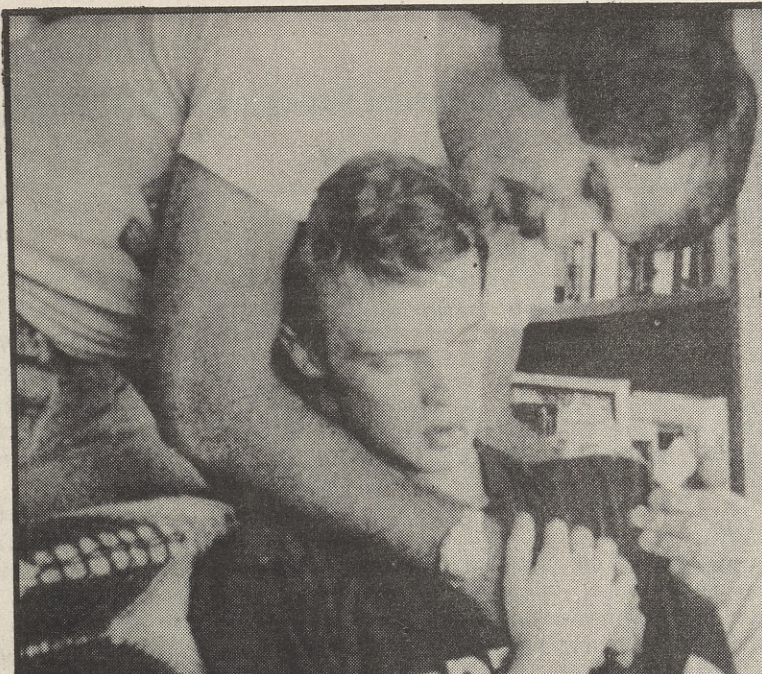
Medical Update

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Get Good AZT Information . . . Last month's findings that AZT significantly delays the onset of AIDS symptoms when administered early after HIV diagnosis - at the 500 T-cell mark - is good news, to be sure. Because of its anemia-related side effects, the drug has been administered until now only after the onset of AIDS-related diseases or infections, or when T-cells had dropped lower than 200. Even now it is not known if prolonged use of the drug could result in AZT-resistant strain of the HIV virus.

Studies now suggest that half of all people infected with HIV will develop AIDS diseases or infections within 10 years, 75 percent within 15 years, and 95 percent within 20 years, according to the World Health Organization. About 600,000 people in the United States are infected with the virus but have no symptoms, with about 15 million infected worldwide.

Recent studies have shown that early administration of AZT can stop the multiplication of the virus and that the earlier AZT is administered, the fewer or less severe the side effects may be. This, of course, is another vital reason for getting tested NOW. Early administration of the drug (between 200 and 500 T-cells) to people whose only symptoms are fever, night sweats, and fatigue almost invariably clears up these early HIV symptoms.



P.O.V. TELEVISION TRIBUTE — LIVING With AIDS, a moving film about a community that cares for a gay man dying of AIDS, was awarded a National Emmy for Program Achievement. It premiered on "P.O.V." the acclaimed series of non-fiction films on public television.

Do not infer from this good news, however, that AZT is a cure for AIDS. Do not think for a moment that safe-sex standards should be relaxed. Nonetheless, the course of the AIDS epidemic could be changed by AZT, but where the money for this drug is coming from, no one knows. Congress and the White House have said they will provide funds for drug research, but have shown no willingness to spend money on caring for people currently carrying the HIV virus. Burroughs-Wellcome officials, manufacturers of the drug, maintain that the price is high because of research, development and manufacture, while the number of patients buying it has been small (about 20,000) of the 45,000 people with AIDS nationwide now take the drug.

The price is exorbitant, the demand for the drug will most likely increase four fold, at least 25 percent of the U.S. citizens whose lives might be extended have no health insurance, and Congress is making no plans whatsoever to help the poor with the cost. Making the drug available to the estimated 1.5 million HIV carriers in this country will cost someone between \$2 billion and \$6 billion. It is expected that most private health insurers will pay for the newer, widespread use of AZT. But for thousands of Americans on county or other assistance, the picture is not so rosy.

This country's Food and Drug Administration is currently changing its prescription labeling to show that the drug is effective at the 500 T-cell mark rather than 200. This is the first step in getting county health agencies to support its distribution early on, and encourage earlier usage by those doctors who feel comfortable distributing it only in compliance with FDA standards.

This change is due in large part to pressure from AIDS activists who have been pushing for more widespread access for years. Now let's support their efforts to get Burroughs Wellcome to reduce the outrageous price of this incredible drug.

They've succeeded thus far in getting Burroughs Wellcome to cut the price by 20 percent (from about \$8,000 per person per year, to \$6,000). This price cut was announced in mid-September and was effective immediately. Activists reacted coolly, however, to this effort, saying it will take a reduction of nearly 50 percent to make a big enough difference to truly increase access to the drug. The 20 percent reduction suggests that the company is merely trimming some of the fat from the price.

Additionally, attorneys for the Public Health Service and for congressional committees are looking at ways to use an ancient law under which the government can ignore patent rights of Burroughs Wellcome and have the drug made by another company at a lower cost.

Town Hall Meeting Set

Sacramento AIDS Foundation has received a grant from the Sierra Foundation to fund and assist in the development of a self-care manual on HIV/ARC/AIDS care. The publication will be jointly developed by SAF staff and AIDS activists in the Sacramento area.

To develop the contents and title of the proposed book, the AIDS Foundation is holding several town-hall meetings in the large Hand-to-Hand Training Room, located at 1900 K Street in downtown Sacramento. The first meeting will be Thursday, October 5, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The concept of a town-hall meeting has its roots firmly set in democracy. The purpose of this meeting is to gather concerned individuals to discuss and decide the structure of a forthcoming HIV/ARC/AIDS Self-Help Manual. At a town-hall meeting anyone and everyone can speak up and have their voices heard.

With important issues such as AIDS Clinical Trials, legal rights, AZT costs, and self-empowerment impacting the lives of persons with HIV/ARC/AIDS, this community needs to develop its own agenda. The grant from The Sierra Foundation includes funds to hire AIDS activists to write and edit portions of the self-help manual.

The town-hall meeting will develop the title and contents of this important publication. Don't miss the chance to be a part of the decision making process!

For more information, contact Patty Blomberg or Bob Thistle at Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 448-2437, extension 256 or 257. ■

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STEP 1: Fill in the section entitled **Membership Information** (For office use only). Enter your name, full mailing address, zip code, phone number. (*We will contact you by phone only if you include a phone number here*). A mailing address is required for sending match lists.

STEP 2: Complete the **Contact Information** section and sign the disclaimer. The contact information you provide here will be given to members who match with you. The contact information should include your first name and phone number or a contact address. Use this section to tell members something about yourself, information that would not normally be included in the mini-profile. The use of this section is entirely up to you. However, giving out work phone numbers or home address is strongly discouraged!

STEP 3: The Boxes on the left hand side of each column are *used when the indicated attribute applies to you*. Check at least one box per section, only one box in sections which are mutually exclusive (*i.e.*, Age, Height, Hair, Location).

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Computerized Application Form

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Signature _____

Date _____

Geographical Area

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO San Francisco
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO East Bay (Oakland)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Peninsula (Palo Alto)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO San Jose 408 call area
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Marin County
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sacramento 916 call area
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Stockton Fresno 209 area
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Russian River 707 area

Type of Relationship

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Lover (monogamous)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Lover (nonmonogamous)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Buddy (sexual)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Buddy (platonic)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO One night stand
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Romantic fling
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Affair
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Pen-pal

Age Range

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 18-21
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 21-25
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 25-30
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 30-35
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 35-40
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 40-50
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 50+

Build

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bodybuilder
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Muscular
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Slim
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Stocky
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Heavy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very Heavy

Height

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 5'6" or less
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 5'6" - 5'9"
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 5'9" - 6'
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 6' - 6'3"
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO 6'3" or taller

Hair

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Black
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Dark Brown
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Light Brown
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Auburn
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Red
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Strawberry Blond
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Blond
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO White gray
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bald

Eyes

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Blue
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Green
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Gray
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Hazel
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Brown
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Black

Facial/Body Hair

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Smooth
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Clean Shaven
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Mustache
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Beard
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO No body hair
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Smooth chest
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Hairy chest
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very Hairy

Race

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Caucasian
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Asian oriental
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Black
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Latin
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO East Indian

General Appearance

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very goodlooking
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Attractive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Below average
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Yuppie preppie
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Young executive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Mature executive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Trendy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Collegiate jock

Dress

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Casual (t-shirt, jeans)
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sometimes sloppy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO High fashion
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Semi-formal
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Drag

Occupation

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Financially independent
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Self-supporting
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Nonself-supporting
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Unemployed
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Student
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Office clerical
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Service hospitality
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sales
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Construction
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Technical
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Self-employed entrepreneur
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Managerial
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Professional
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Health Care
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Entertainment arts

Substance Use

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Smoker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Non-smoker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Heavy drinker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Social drinker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Non-drinker
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Non-drug user
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Light drug user

Personality

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Assertive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Easy-going
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Outgoing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Publicly affectionate
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Not publicly affectionate
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Shy reserved
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very masculine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Fairly masculine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Somewhat feminine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very feminine
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Closeted

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Doorway
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Openly gay

Social Activities

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Spectator sports
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Working out
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Movies
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Live theatre
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO TV video
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Concerts
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Arts events
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Dining out
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Parties
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bars dancing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cooking
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Travel
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Camping hiking
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sailing surfing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Skiing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Tennis racquetball
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Swimming
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cycling
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Music
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Photographer
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Painting art

Beliefs

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Catholic
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Protestant
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Jewish
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO New age
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO MCC
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very religious
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Somewhat religious
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Not religious
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Politically liberal
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Conservative
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Social democrat

Sexual Preferences

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Kissing
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cuddling
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO J.O.
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO French active

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO French passive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Greek active
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Greek passive
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO SAFE SEX

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Toys
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Leather
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO S.M. top
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO S.M. bottom
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Heavy S.M.
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Experimental
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Three-ways
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Group sex
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very experienced
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average experience
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Inexperienced
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Virginal
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Small to average endowment
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Average to large
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Very large endowment
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Cut
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Uncut

Special Considerations

- ☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Sensory speech handicap
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Movement handicap
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Have no privacy
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Have no transportation
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO HIV negative
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Bisexual
☐ YES ☐ OK ☐ NO Transsexual



October

1 Sunday

- **Castro Street Fair**, S.F., (415) 467-3354.
- **Clean and Sober Women's weekend**, Lesbian Raft Brigade, noon, Sunset and River Road.
- **Light Opera & Opera by Lenore Heinson and James Gentry**, \$5, Woodland Opera House, 2pm.
- **Broadway Bound**, Sac Theatre Co., \$16-\$19, Fri, Sat, 443-6722.
- **The Rainmaker**, Chataqua Playhouse, 2pm, \$9, 489-7529.
- **Apple Hill Shuttle Bus**, weekends thru Oct. 22, 11 to 5pm, \$1, El Dorado Transit, 621-5615

2 Monday

- **Best of Broadway**, Ch. 47, 2pm.
- **River City MCC**, Ch. 47, 7:30pm
- **Being Gay Today**, Ch. 47, 10pm.
- **Buddy Connection**, SAF, 1900 K St. 7-10pm, 448-2437.
- **Women's Rap and Social**, "Lesbians and Children," 7-9pm, Lambda Center.
- **UCD Women's Soccer**, vs. USF, at Davis, 3:30pm.

3 Tuesday

- **River City MCC**, Ch. 47, 2:30pm.
- **Being Gay Today**, Ch. 47, 5pm.
- **Broadway Bound**, see Oct. 1.
- **Listening to your Inner Voice**, Rowe Institute of Integrative Studies and Threshold Educational and Counseling Services, Creative Awareness Center Bookstore, \$56, 978-9442.

4 Wednesday

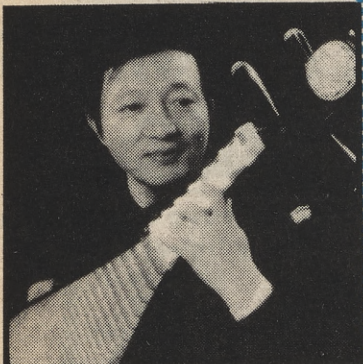
- **River City MCC**, Ch. 47, 9:30am.
- **Being Gay Today**, noon, Ch. 47.
- **Visionz**, Ch. 47, 9pm.
- **Using Guided Fantasies, Visualizations, & Symbols for Healing**, Lambda Center, 7-9pm.
- **Outdoor Adventures Monthly Potluck** and planning meeting, Stan 441-3285 or Rick 795-4654.
- **Broadway Bound**, see Oct. 1.
- **Outdoor Adventures**, monthly potluck, 7pm, Stan 441-3285.
- **"Ask A Lawyer,"** Forum, Sac Co Bar Association, Placer-Sutter Rooms, Sacramento Convention Center, 6:30pm, free, 448-1087.
- **UCD Women's Volleyball vs Sonoma State Univ.** at UCD, Upper Hickey Gym, 7:30pm.
- **San Francisco Symphony**, Nielsen's Symphony No. 2, The Four Temperaments, and R. Strauss' Ein Heldenleben, Sacramento Community Center Theater, 8pm, \$12.50-\$25.

5 Thursday

- **Visionz**, Ch. 47, 4pm.
- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach**, Ch. 47, 8pm.
- **Town Hall Meeting for development of HIV/ARC/AIDS Self Help Book**, by Sacramento AIDS Foundation Protocol Project, 7-9pm, SAF, 448-2437, Patty or Bob.
- **Broadway Bound**, see Oct. 1.
- **"Being Alive" Living Room** — drop-in social setting for persons with AIDS and HIV disease. Refreshments, games, conversation, 2-5pm, Lambda Center — 442-0185.
- **UCD Men's Water Polo**, vs. CSU Los Angeles at UCD, Hickey Gym pool, 4pm.

6 Friday

- **Visionz**, Ch. 47, 11am.
- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach**, Ch. 47, 3pm.
- **Broadway Bound**, see Oct. 1.
- **The Quilt in Washington D.C.**, Final display of the quilt in its entirety, 10am unfolding, 7:30pm town meeting, 8pm Life of the Party (Play by Theatre Rhinoceros Kennedy Center), \$75, (301) 656-2582
- **The Rainmaker**, see Oct. 1.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, Liu De-Hai, pipa — Masterworks Series No. 3, Sacramento Community Center Theatre, 8pm, Ticket Info — Sac Symphony Ticket Office, Community Center Box Office, BASS/Ticketmaster outlets.

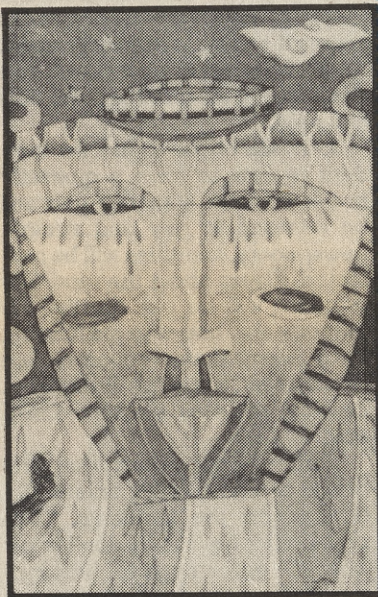


- **Crest Theatre 40th Anniversary Party**, 8pm, screening of "Midnight Kiss" (1949), Black Tie Optional, 442-5189.
- **UCD Women's Volleyball vs Humboldt State Univ.**, Arcata, at UCD Upper Hickey Gym, 7:30pm.

- **Theatre Rhinoceros presents Secrets**, thru Sun, Nov. 5, 8:30pm Thurs-Sun, sun matinees 3pm, \$9-\$10, 2926 16th St., SF, (415) 861-5079.

7 Saturday

- **SPCAs 3rd Annual Champagne and Chocolate Tasting Gala**, Railroad Museum, 383-PETS.
- **Coming Out Workshop for Women**, Mountain View, 10am-4pm, \$35-\$50, (415)968-1981.
- **HUH? Art Exhibition**, Oct. 1-31, Dito Gallery, 1724 L St. reception today 6:30-8:30pm, Small works on paper by Mike Baratta, Eric Sadahire.
- **41st Annual White Elephant Fair & Sale**, Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. 10-5pm.
- **Water Colors Exhibit**, Oct 4-28, Artspace, 2228 J St., reception today 7-9pm, 446-2395.
- **Carmichael Elks Craft Faire**, 5361 Cypress Ave, Carm., 489-2103.
- **The Quilt in Washington D.C.**, 10am Reading of names, 6:30pm Candlelight march, 8pm, Candlelight program at Lincoln memorial and 6th Annual Gala dinner \$150; (202) 628-4160.
- **Judy Fjell Concert**, Vets Memorial Center Theatre, Davis, \$10, (916) 753-0818.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, see Oct. 6.
- **Broadway Bound**, see Oct. 1.
- **The Rainmaker**, see Oct. 1.
- **Women Artists '89 Second Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works by Women**, Matrix Gallery, Oct. 4-29, reception today 7-9pm, 441-4818.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sac**, day hike, Wrights Lake, Jim 481-7618.
- **UCD Women's Volleyball Alumnae Competition**, 1pm.
- **Michael Himovitz Gallery**, Reception for Artists — Julia Couzens, Stephen Fleming, Michael Mew, Women Artists '89 (In conjunction with Matrix Gallery), 6:30-8:30pm, 448-8723.
- **Barbara McDonald Gallery**, Reception for Artists — Elly Simmons, Helen Stanley, 7-10pm, exhibition thru Nov. 1, 1729 L St., 448-7211.



8 Sunday

- **White Elephant Sale**, see Oct. 7.
- **Broadway Bound**, see Oct. 1.
- **The Quilt in Washington D.C.**, 10am unfolding, 7pm Dancing for Freedom, \$25 adv. \$35 at door, (213) 650-6200.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, 3pm, see Oct. 6.
- **The Rainmaker**, see Oct. 1.
- **Poetry Readings: Arthur Butler, Scott Soriano**, Webster Book Shop, 8pm, \$2 donation, 446-9346
- **Bound and Determined**, "Power Exchange," 4pm, 456-8649.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, Camino, Pollock Pines Bike Ride, Jeff 644-4170.

9 Monday

- **Beginning Life Drawing Class**, 7-9pm (9 sessions), Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., \$54, registration deadline Sep. 29, Ellen Van Fleet, 927-9288.
- **Women's Rap & Social**, Potluck (bring a dish to share) 7-9pm, Lambda Center.
- **Romance**, all women, country-western, Melarky's, 8pm, \$5.

10 Tuesday

- **Common Sense Dog Training**, Elk Grove Park, 392-4609.
- **National AIDS Update Conference**, Civic Auditorium, S.F., (415) 558-9353.

11 Wednesday

- **National Coming Out Day**, (505) 982-2558.
- **Happy Birthday Dad!!!**

12 Thursday

- **Great Outdoors**, IGL00 Jamboree '89, Mount Cross (near Santa Cruz), \$125-\$140, thru Oct. 15, (602) 325-7607.
- **Feminist Legal Services**, fundraising event, auction and raffle, 5:30-7:30pm, Judith Weintraub Gallery, 1723 J St. \$10-Student, \$15 Adv., \$20 door, FLS, 1122 17th St, Sac., 95814.
- **Passport '89**, presented by Macy's, A benefit for AIDS, Pier 3, Fort Mason, San Francisco, 6:30pm buffet, 8pm, entertainment, \$30, \$35, (916)395-BASS.



► **Being Alive Living Room** — See October 5.

13 Friday

- **Women's Empowerment Workshop**, thru Oct. 15, Orientation, Oct. 4, Threshold Educational and Counseling Services, retreat on coast, 455-1168.
- **Passport '89**, benefitting nine AIDS walk San Francisco agencies, 7pm, wine reception, Macy's Passport Fashion Show 8pm, \$18.50, (916)395-BASS.
- **The Second Performance Art Event**, a new vaudeville! The New Performance Art Theatre, 2830 35th St., 8pm, 731-5821.
- **Pillars**, Country Western Duo "Open Road", in concert, Sierra Inn, 6pm, \$14, 455-1771.
- **Women Take Back the Night**, rally and march, 7pm, West Steps State Capitol.

14 Saturday

- **Valley Nights MC**, Rio Vista outing, 455-6540.
- **POPS Concert No. 2**, Maureen McGovern, 8pm.
- **Sac Valley Coin Club Coin Show**, Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd., 10am-6pm.
- **Sac AIDS Legal Referral Panel Training**, 9:30-1pm, UOP, McGeorge School of Law, Rooms S4 & S5, Ellen -444-6760 or Stuart -446-6322.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, American River Bike Trail Ride and BBQ, with Different Spokes of SF, Tom 447-5328.
- **Isn't It Romantic?**, Formal Event for Gay and Lesbian Community, Imperial Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel, 170 S. Market, San Jose, CA, 9pm-1am, \$35, Bass/Ticketmaster.
- **Indoor Soccer League Exhibition**, San Diego Sockers vs Tacoma Stars, 7:30pm, Arco Arena, 928-6900.

15 Sunday

- **Sac Symphony**, Vivaldi, 8pm, Woodland Opera House, 649-0300.
- **Pops Concert No. 2**, see Oct. 14.
- **Coin Show**, 10am-5pm, see Oct. 14.
- **9th Annual Studio Tour** (Private studios of local artists), maps & info, Matrix Gallery, 11am-5pm, reception 5-7pm, free, 441-4818, 929-0736.
- **Pro-Choice March**, Rally, San Francisco, (415) 861-8880.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, breakfast and 30-mile bike tour of Sacramento with Different Spokes of SF, Tom, 447-5328.
- **Jennifer Berizan** — singer/composer, music circle, Women's Spirituality Forum, Montclair Women's club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakland, \$7-\$10, 11:30am-1:30pm, (415) 444-7724.
- **UCD Women's Soccer** vs Santa Clara, soccer field south of Recreation Hall, 2pm.
- **A Day at the Races**, presented by Theatre Rhinoceros, Bay Meadows Racetrack, San Mateo, Turf Club Buffet 11am, post time 12:30pm, \$35, charge by phone (415) 861-5079.

16 Monday

- **Women's Rap & Social**, "Roles," 7-9pm, Lambda Center.
- **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch. 47.

17 Tuesday

- **Fences**, Sac Theatre Co., 1419 H Street, preview, 8pm, \$11, 443-6722.
- **Being Gay Today**, 5pm, Cable CH. 47.

- **Me and My Girl**, Sac Community Center Theater, 441-3163.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, Bishop Pass Pre-Trip meeting, Rick, 795-4654.

18 Wednesday

- **Me and My Girl**, see Oct. 17.
- **Fences**, see Oct. 17.
- **Being Gay Today**, noon, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Visionz**, Gay and Lesbian TV Magazine, 9pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Foods for Healing and Health**, lambda Community Center, 7-9pm.
- **UCD Men's Soccer** vs CSU Chico, at UCD, 3pm.
- **UCD Women's Volleyball** vs CSU Stanislaus, at UCD, Upper Hickey Gym, 7:30pm.

19 Thursday

- **Fences**, see Oct. 17.
- **Me and My Girl**, see Oct. 17.
- **Being Alive Living Room**, see October 5.
- **UCD Women's Volleyball** vs College of Notre Dame, Belmont, at UCD, Upper Hickey Gym, 7:30pm.
- **UCD Men's Water Polo** vs UOP, Stockton, at UCD Hickey Gym Pool, 4pm.
- **Gay & Lesbian Outreach**, 8pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Visionz**, 4pm, Ch. 47.
- **UCD Women's Soccer** vs CSU Chico at UCD soccer field, 3pm.

20 Friday

- **Me and My Girl**, see Oct. 17.
- **Twelve Angry Men**, Chataqua Playhouse, 8pm Fri. & Sat., 2pm Sun., \$9, 489-7529.
- **8th International Convention**, PFLAG, Novi Hilton, Novi, Michigan, thru Oct 23, (313)478-8408.
- **Fences**, Sac Theatre Co, 1419 H St., \$16-\$19, Fri & Sat eve., 443-6722.
- **The Laughing, Loving Connection, Workshop**, USA Transactional Analysis Assoc., Pacific Region, the Auburn House, 2300 Auburn Blvd., 8-4:30pm, \$50, 481-2619.
- **High Wheelers Barbershop Chorus Concert**, Woodland Opera House, 8pm, 666-4065.
- **Les Miserables**, Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St., S.F., (415) 441-0919 or (415) 474-3800, begins today.
- **Aspirations Workshop for Lesbians**, Chem-free weekend, Pajaro Dunes, \$175, D. Calabrese, (415) 968-1981.
- **Visionz**, 11am, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach**, 3pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Jazzworks Fall Concert**, 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., \$8, \$6 student/seniors, \$4 children under 12, 364-8721.

21 Saturday

- **Twelve Angry Men**, see Oct. 20.
- **Fences**, see Oct. 20.
- **Me and My Girl**, see Oct. 17.
- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach**, 10am, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Aldo Bell Blues Concert**, Progressive Praise Productions, 395-1663.
- **SACWN Dance**, Rancho Arroyo, 5th Birthday Celebration!
- **GLAS, CSUS vs GLAD, UCD-Volleyball match**, Discovery Park, noon.
- **Laughing, Loving Connection**, 9-5pm, Auburn House, 2300 Auburn Blvd, Muriel James, "Born to Win," Amy Bjork Harris, "Staying O.K.," \$50, 481-2619.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento** Bishop Pass Backpacking Trip thru Mon. Oct. 23, Rick 795-4654.
- **UCD Men's Soccer** vs CSU Stanislaus at UCD soccer field, 1pm.

22 Sunday

- **Me and My Girl**, see Oct. 17.
- **Fences**, see Oct. 20.
- **Poetry Readings**, B.L. Kennedy, Robin Rule, Webber's Book Shop, 2107 P St. 8pm, \$2, 446-9346.
- **Bound and Determined**, "Leather/Latex Toys" (a demonstration), 4pm, 456-8649.
- **Canine Celebration**, benefit Lend a Heart Pet Therapy, SSPCA, Human-Animal Program, registration \$12, competition includes tennis ball catch, high jump, balance beam, tricks and lots more; Sacramento Convention Center, \$4 admission, \$2 children 12 & under/seniors, children under 5 free, 961-9934.

23 Monday

- **Buddy Connection**, SAF, 1900 K St., 7-10pm, 448-2437.
- **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Women's Rap and Social**, "Isms" (ageism, sexism, looksism, etc.) 7-9pm, Lambda Center.
- **Outlook Monthly** lesbian/gay video "Gay Themed Horror Films for Halloween, Ch. 47, 10:30pm.

24 Tuesday

- **Fences**, see Oct. 20.
- **Being Gay Today**, 5pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Coming Out of the Closet, AIDS and Homosexuality in the Jewish Community**, Jewish Family Service Agency and Jewish Community Center, at Jewish Federation, 2351 Wyda Way, Sac., 7-9:30pm, 921-1921.
- **Outlook**, 5:30pm, see Oct. 23.

25 Wednesday

- **Sac Valley Coin Club meeting**, 7pm, SMUD Service Building, 5026 Don Julio Blvd. (at Elkhorn Blvd), 682-5509.
- **Being Gay Today**, noon, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Visionz**, 9pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Fences**, see Oct. 20.

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Special Problems with the IRS?

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For a number of years, the IRS has offered a special program called the "Problem Resolution Program" (PRP). This program, which is administered by the Office of the Ombudsman, helps taxpayers who have been unable to resolve their problems with the IRS through normal channels.

PRP personnel are taxpayer advocates who have the authority to cut through red tape. Generally, the taxpayer deals with one person and is kept in-

formed of the case's progress. Over 75 percent of the cases are resolved in 30 days. The problem resolution officers at local and district levels have helped solve problems about missing or late refunds, erroneous billings, unclear notices or letters, and examination and collection issues. For example, unanswered inquiries more than 45 days old, other than refunds, become PRP cases.

A refund inquiry becomes a PRP case when a taxpayer makes a second or subsequent inquiry 90 days after the filing of an original or amended return. The PROs administer the program in district offices, service centers, and regional offices. They are independent of all regular IRS functions, so they can deal quickly with taxpayer problems.

How do you reach your Problem Resolution Officer? In Sacramento, address your letters to: IRS, Attention: Problem Resolution Officer PO Box 29 (Stop SA 5043) Sacramento, CA, 95812.

You may also call (916) 978-4079 and ask for the PRO. Be sure to have all the information about your problem handy. This would include a copy of the tax return involved, all correspondence from the IRS and all responses to IRS letters that you have written.

Under the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, a new service has become available to the taxpayer. Effective January 1, 1989, you may file form "911" with the Office of Ombudsman, through

your local PRO, to have a Taxpayer Assistance Order (TOA) issued. A TOA will require the IRS to:

1. Release property which has been levied upon.
2. To cease or refrain from activity with respect to:
 - collections;
 - bankruptcy or receivership;
 - examinations to discover due taxes; and
 - any other provision of tax law.

You must show in your application that you are suffering or are about to suffer a significant hardship because of action by the IRS. What would constitute a significant hardship? Such things as serious illness or an accident, a death in the family, or eviction from your home or loss of your business, would qualify. The TAO can speed up the receipt of a refund in emergency situation.

One thing to note, an application for a TAO will cause the statute of limitation to be suspended during the time the action is under consideration.

Since the beginning of the program, IRS Ombudsman Holmes reports over 9,000 hardship pleas from taxpayers have been handled, with 6,700 receiving special aid with such things as accelerated refunds and the blocking of levies. So if you have been wrestling with a problem with the IRS that seems impossible to solve, just remember...you can call your PRO or file form "911"!

Bashing

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tain their names in confidence. They want descriptions of the incidents, and what occurred during the incident which indicated homophobia. For instance the difference is if there is a verbal comment about "faggots" or derogatory remarks about sexual orientation. It changes the incident from being a mugging to being a hate incident.

Lambda indicates that statistics will be shared with the Police Department, the Human Rights Commission, the Attorney General's hate crimes unit and the National Gay and Lesbian Task force.

Lambda has suggested that the Sacramento police should have a separate indication on their reports for hate crimes as the police do in San Diego. However, Dohm says his office does see every report that mentions a gay bar or something happening near a gay bar "so I'll know what's going on." Dohm says it does help him when people identify themselves and more people are doing that. "I'm seeing people report 'I am gay' - I like that. It's easier to investigate a crime when the victim is honest and up-front."

Lambda officials say they still feel the police should have a separate box for hate crimes but "it's on us and our community for not reporting, but we have a suspicion a lot of crimes are being reported by the victims as a regular assault or mugging not a hate crime. It's tough out there and it's violent out there, but unless we learn from our history it's going to get worse again. That's what reporting is about. You can't take it for granted," the official said.

Lambda hopes to use the incident reports to form a quarterly break-down of statistics that will be released to gay and straight newspapers. Identities will be protected. Flyers about the reporting program will be out shortly and Lambda also hopes to get funding for a Sacramento version of San Francisco's "Blow the Whistle on Lesbian and Gay Violence Campaign."

Dohm emphasizes that the police can do nothing unless victims report the incidents. "The problem we have is we don't know what the percentage (of bashing) is and there is no way to find out (with police reports). If, for example, somebody meets someone in a gay bar and then gets beat

up by that person, they can't hide that if the incident is to be investigated properly. It makes it easier for us if we know that's the reason."

Dohm also says there needs to be more communication between the police department and the gay community. "If you can get one on one with someone, can see a real cop, have a real conversation instead of thinking the we're gestapo at 813 6 Street - that's why I'm here."

Kerry Martin, Program Coordinator for the Sacramento Victim Witness Assistance Program says she is not aware of any increase in gay-bashings. But she says they only get fact sheets from the Sheriff's Department and not police reports from the City of Sacramento. "We only get information about people that come to us. If there is an increase which I don't know about - people aren't coming to us." The Victim/Witness Program is funded by the state and is mandated to provide certain services to victims of violent crimes.

Part of the program reimburses the victim for therapy, medical expenses and lost wages. Victims need to apply to the state to get reimbursed and must cooperate with law enforcement officials. The ceiling amount a victim can receive is \$46,000 and that is determined by the costs incurred.

Who gets attacked more, lesbians or gay men? Some sources say fewer incidents of violence are directed at lesbians because women (straight women) are not as likely to act out their frustrations and fears in a violent manner while straight men are conditioned to do both. Lesbians also have a much longer experience of understanding the potential for victimization. Lesbians are more likely to leave a bar with a group of people - and more easily see themselves as potential victims than gay men.

Nation-wide, the NGLTF recently released its annual report on violence against lesbians and gay men. It concludes that the problem continues at an alarming rate. A total of 7,248 incidents from harassment to homicide were reported to NGLTF by 120 organizations in 38 states and the District of Columbia in 1988. The report is the only national measure of anti-gay/lesbian violence.

However, the report stresses, "we cannot accurately gauge whether and how much the problem has changed in comparison to other years." AIDS-related incidents increased in 1988 illustrating that hatred and blame associated with the disease continues.

Anti-gay organized hate groups are on the rise, mostly involving neo-Nazi skinheads. This seems to coincide with a national increase in all types of hate crimes particularly against Jews and ethnic minorities. However, lesbians and gay men still seem to take the brunt - being victimized at least seven times more often than the population in general.

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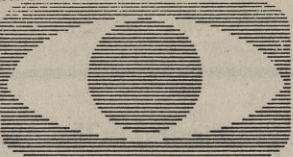


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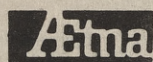
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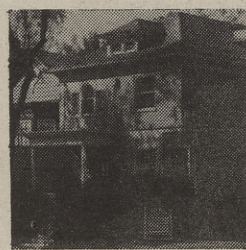
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Relationship Enhancement: Communicating Differences

by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

This series is about establishing rules for the dialogue of your differences. Establishing some mutually agreed upon rules will remove chaos from your arguments and will create a comfortable and safe place in which to share your inner Self. In the early parts I discussed finding a safe setting where you can quietly sit face to face. Key rules are: agree on the rules; no physical violence; stay sober; assume a sharing, open attitude; do not interrupt; decide how to announce you need a break; make "I" statements; discuss your reactions to body language; agree to disagree; stay in the present moment; agree to an end of the argument.

In this article I present more rules for managing the argument.

12. Be Honest. It would seem that this suggestion is a baseline and should have been the first rule to discuss. Yet, unfortunately, honesty is not a simple concept. One dimension of honesty is the degree of relevance to the truth. The range can have at one end, the person who always bends the truth to fit his/her needs. At the other end is the one who (perhaps naively) tells you more about themselves than you would ever want to

know. As in all things, a balance of intimacy and personal privacy is to be sought in all honest conversations.

Let's look at the motivation of the person who habitually bends the truth. Some people learn to manipulate reality in their childhood in dysfunctional families. If telling your parents what really happened results in a beating or emotional rejection, you just may decide to create a story or to keep silent. Take the case of the adolescent who acknowledges that s/he is gay or lesbian. Most parents do not accept this kind of information with joy. Knowing how the parents would react, the teenager develops a strategy of deceit. S/he may date the opposite sex, participate in all the high school's heterosexual functions, and keep secret any same-sex intimacies from both parents and peers.

This is a survival strategy which is a wise one, given the homophobic climate in most high schools and homes. However, the person may become so habituated to this behavior that lying is simply second-nature and there is little awareness that s/he is not being honest. Sadly, some people develop an expectation that any self-revelation will be met with non-acceptance, so they just tell other people what they think they want to hear. The person in this situation is going to need to work on self-awareness in order to overcome this habit which ultimately forces them into lonely isolation.

Also on the extreme end of the "lie continuum" is a person who wishes to dominate and control others to such an extent that s/he will intentionally lie in order to maintain control. This is a person who is a candidate for psychotherapy. If you find yourself with someone who constantly lies about everything, be aware that they probably cannot be trusted to start being honest just because you ask. They are poor risk for mutual relationship based on truth.

Let us now turn our attention to a common yet workable problem around honesty. Probably the most common reason for lying is "S/he couldn't stand to hear the truth." Overtly we can see that the speaker is taking a superior attitude toward the potential listener. He has decided that the other is weak and cannot deal with reality. In a mutual relationship, both partners must assume that the other is

lied to. When the truth is out, she will feel like a fool for being the last to know what was really happening. Worse, he may feel "crazy" for mistaking the fantasy for the truth, when he has believed and trusted the liar. As a result, she may become justifiably furious.

Probably the motivation for withholding the truth is that the speaker fears confrontation. This series is intended to show that confrontation does not have to be traumatic and the speaker can overcome the fear of verbal conflict. The one who is tempted to lie must take responsibility for his/her fears of open conflict and must not let that fear deter him/her from being truthful.

Another reason for withholding the truth is that the speaker has broken a promise made to the other. S/he wants to slip out of taking responsibility for his or her behavior. This is an adolescent attitude. We expect mature people to accept their own actions and their consequences.

So what if you have broken a promise? What are possible disclosures which you need to discuss with your partner? "I didn't realize what I was promising and that it was something I am not able to do." "I was trying to please you and I thought I would be able to sacrifice my own desires." "I've changed (or, the situation has changed) and it's not something I can do anymore." "My feelings are entirely different now, and I cannot live up to that promise." "I was afraid you would reject me if I didn't agree at the time." "I was afraid you'd think less of me if I didn't comply."

Each of these openers offer possibilities of increasing intimacy and knowledge of the other. Especially if there is genuine apology as well as receptivity to one another, the outcome can be the establishment of a situation of mutual support so that these kinds of insecurities no longer interfere with honest communications. Even if the situation of the lie has transgressed to the "bottom line" of one partner, there now exists the possibility of an amicable parting of the ways instead of one fraught with resentment and anger.

Part 7 will discuss avoiding manipulative tactics. Joanne Marrow, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in Sacramento.

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by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Oakland, CA - to most gay people, Judy Grahn - poet, playwright and theorist - stands at the pinnacle of lesbian culture. Characters such as "The Common Woman" and "Edward the Dyke" from her earliest poems have become icons of lesbian imagery. Her 1986 drama, "The Queen of Wands," has been performed in San Francisco, New York, Amsterdam, Edinburgh and London. Her highly-acclaimed book, "Another Mother Tongue," was named the 1975 Gay Book of the Year by the prestigious mainstream organization, the American Library Association.

However, what many people don't realize is that in addition to her own prodigious literary output, Grahn has been tirelessly promoting other lesbian writers for the past two decades.

At 49, Grahn, a working class kid whose father was a union organizer, can add to her personal resume the title of mentor and nurturer. With Grahn's help and encouragement, many new lesbian writers and poets have seen on their own careers start. At the same time, Grahn is paying homage to the past by adding her own insight to the writings of lesbian authors such as Gertrude Stein, a woman Grahn believes will someday be heralded as a far-sighted philosopher.

"She's a philosopher for everyone," said Grahn. "Her lesbianism led her to be woman-centered. Her dykeness led her to see in more than one dimension at once."

Many well-known lesbian writers from the late poet Pat Parker to novelist Sharon Isabell and prose writer Sandy Boucher got their start when Grahn turned publisher in 1969 and helped found The Women's Press Collective.

"We found the press out of the need and desire to get women's work out," said Grahn. "We were one of the first all-women's presses - and we got over 200 women into print."



Author-Publisher Judy Grahn

Photo by Dell Richards

During the nine years the collective churned out chapbooks and paperbacks, Grahn saw that lesbian writers got a chance to write truthfully and fearlessly about being gay. "We gave lesbian-feminism a public voice," said Grahn.

As the Chicago-born lesbian who grew up in the wilds of New Mexico published more and more authors, she realized that contemporary lesbians saw the world in much the same way lesbians have for thousands of years, despite incredible political, cultural and technological differences in their lives. According to Grahn, lesbian writers are in tune with nature and its rhythms.

One of Grahn's first books of criticism, Grahn wrote that the lesbian voice stretched back thousands of years to poets like the 7th century B.C. Sappho.

"The Highest Apple" points out similarities between lesbian poets as seemingly disparate as Sappho, H.D., Gertrude Stein and the contemporary Olga Broumas. For Grahn - a Bohemian who has never rejected her radical roots - this sudden kinship was a revelation. The discovery of parallel lines of thought propelled her to dig deeper to show that lesbian literature has its own, separate literary traditions. According to Grahn, lesbian poetry tends to be lyrical, honoring the earth and its beauty as often as the beloved.

With the publication of her latest book, "Really Reading Gertrude Stein," Grahn takes the process one step further, claiming that lesbian literature represents a distinct philosophic approach to a world whose concerns are so different that is antithetical to traditional Western philosophy.

Envisioning a future radically different from the present, Grahn claims that the author most famous for the quip "A rose is a rose is a rose" will someday be regarded as highly as the esteemed philosopher Spinoza. "I don't think anyone will know what she's done for us until the middle of the next century," said Grahn.

"Stein examined the difference between human nature and the human mind," said Grahn. "She was interested in how things are related to each other." Grahn feels that studying Stein's writing helps us see the universe in completely different ways, ones that aren't centered on either man or human beings. "She enables us to think differently, to see that everything - even plants and animals - are connected."

Grahn argues that Stein does this by discarding the usual method of writing rigidly structured essays replete with arcane pronouncements about man and his division from nature. Instead, she chose to break down language and change sentence structure itself. This

enables the reader to break old patterns of thought and begin to see reality in a new light.

She alters the English language," said Grahn. "Language has gotten very stilted. Everything happens in the past or future. 'In her sentence structure, everything is happening concurrently.' By taking this track, Grahn gives new meaning to Stein's oft-maligned use of repetition.

"Her work is like a healing mantra," said Grahn. "Each piece has the essence of the whole. A small amount tells the whole philosophy." Grahn also relies on repetition to achieve powerful emotional characters in her own poetry and prose. Stein's writing has sustained Grahn throughout her own long literary career. "She is my major inspiration; she is my mentor," said Grahn. "When I was writing the 'She Who' poems," I read Stein's poetry. When I was writing 'Mundane's World,' I went to Stein's novels."

To Grahn - a woman whose wafting body and mind combine to produce the effect of a warm and kind wise woman - honoring the foremothers of gay culture is a religious act, one that gives gay men and lesbians a sense of identity.

"We need to know what work came before. We need to study our writers and philosophers," said Grahn. "We need to praise our mothers."

to do that, Grahn soon hopes to start her own school called the "Lavender Hill Mystery School," a place where the sacred texts of women's religious mysteries will be the basis of the education. Grahn plans to use the myth of the goddess Inanna's journey into the underworld - which was the basis of Grahn's play "The Queen of Swords" - as part of the curriculum. "We're going to study the blood mysteries and rituals that constitute the female side of the story - the sciences based in women's bodies - using texts from ancient Sumer," said Grahn.

to Grahn, Sumerian society is the perfect place to start, flowering as it did at the turning point of goddess-worshipping culture. This was a time when women were still

held in awe and male gods had not yet been invented. "The Sumerian stories are the basis of the goddess religion that stresses the wonder of the female principle," said Grahn.

The period also was the precursor of the more widely-known Greek and Celtic cults, which also prized female attributes such as the ability to create life. "These ideas underlie the Greek religion of Demeter which the Celt carried later," said Grahn.

Although the idea of holding women in esteem because they bear children may seem farfetched today in a world threatened by overpopulation, Grahn stresses that understanding the cyclical nature of the process is the key. The cycle of birth and death shown by the growth of an infant girl into a young maiden, mother and wise women - a process repeated generation after generation - is a lesson even the modern world could learn. "Through these mysteries, we can see that death is not a tragedy," said Grahn. "It's not who did it but how it was done that's important." Using much of this same philosophy, Grahn's current writing workshops are turning out a whole new crop of lesbian writers whose work is setting the tone for much of today's lesbian fiction and theory. Nisa Donnelly's "Bar Stories" has been hailed as one of the best works of fiction published this past year. "With a Fly's Eye, Whale's Wit and Woman's Heart," the anthology edited by Theresa Corrigan and Stephanie Hoppe has added a new dimension to our understanding of the complexity and cohesiveness of the earth as it argues for a new ethic toward animals.

Teaching, writing and questioning are an essential part of Grahn's approach to life, one she hopes other women will someday continue. "Our culture will get buried if we don't find a way to keep the continuum alive," said Grahn.

For now, Grahn fights to keep lesbian culture alive. And with any luck, Grahn, too, will be honored as a foremother someday. ■



Judy Nelson

Photo by Frank Lawler

A Storehouse of Recovery

"By the very nature of our being a discriminated-against minority, gays and lesbians are more likely to have a problem with alcohol or drugs. My belief is that every single one of us is touched at some time by our own abuse, or by abuse of a friend or relative." These are the thoughts of Judy Nelson, owner of Judy's Gifts and Books, a mid-town bookstore specializing in materials for people in recovery from substance abuse. Judy's also carries books on AIDS, recovery from incest and other sexual abuse, and materials for adult children of alcoholics (ACAs).

Many of us can remember when bars were the only place to meet others like ourselves. In fact, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the riot at Stonewall, we can note that it might not be a coincidence that the gay movement was born at a bar. While one in 10 people is estimated to have a problem with alcohol in the United States, that number is three out of ten for American gays and lesbians. In other words, we are three times more likely to suffer from alcohol-related problems.

Judy insists, "there is hope. People are coming out of the closet on all kinds of issues - on being gay, on being in recovery from drug or alcohol abuse. This

is not a fad; it's healthy." She adds, "people do not have to be alone." Sacramento has an active gay and lesbian recovery community.

Now sober eight years, Judy remembers when she could not find books on the subject of alcoholism except through special-order catalogs. Neither

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was it possible to find AA jewelry, bumper stickers, meditations, or cards. Judy says, "Going to look for a sobriety-birthday card at Hallmark for someone who is 40 years old with one year in AA was pretty funny. If I found one I liked, I would buy it."

The ACA movement is largely responsible for the sudden breakthrough of 12-step programs into mainstream society. Alcoholics Anonymous, started in 1952, and Al-Anon, a few years later, set the steps and traditions for Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, and Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous. Only a decade ago, psychologists began to note common themes in the problems of their clients who came from alcoholic homes. These realizations led to recovery programs for these individuals as carriers, not just victims, of dysfunctional patterns. They are called ACAs. Suddenly, alcoholism was understood to be a family disease, not just a problem of the individual.

Now in its fourth year of operation, Judy's Gifts and Books has just relocated from northern Sacramento to J Street - closer to where many of her customers live and work. In the same block are three other gay- and lesbian-owned businesses. A person in recovery can purchase cards, jewelry and other gifts at Judy's and walk across the street to Lioness Bookstore, where Judy refers customers often. Gay men and lesbians alike will be interested in The Gifted Gardener, next door to Lioness, and Gallery Medusa, the new gay-owned art gallery on the same block. ■

A Look at Local Theatre

by Louis Camera
OF MGW STAFF

A sure sign summer is over is when Music Circus folds its tent for another season. The 39th Anniversary season came to a close with back-to-back productions from the unbelievably successful musical talent of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Evita and CATS.

EVITA, written by Tim Rice, was a major departure from the Rice-Webber collaboration on Jesus Christ Superstar, though some of the melodies seem to be right out of JCS. EVITA tells the story of Cona Maria Eva Duarte de Peron, the peasant girl who rose to be the First Lady of Argentina. The story line is true to historic fact, but doesn't portray to the fullest the grief of the Argentines upon her death from cancer at the age of 33. Political thought and greed are highlighted through discussion between Evita and activist Che Guevara and her spending sprees in Europe. One cannot help but draw similarity between Evita and Imelda Marcos.

The three leads, Evita, Che, and Juan Perone played respectively by Derin Altay, John Herrera and David Wasson, marked Music Circus debuts. All did outstanding jobs in their roles, especially Altry and Herrera who exhibited excellent vocal talents. One can only hope that they will be brought back to Sacramento in subsequent seasons.

As with The Unsinkable Molly Brown, the national touring company of CATS showed the skills and expertise of a cast and crew totally engrossed in a production as only a touring company can. The musical is based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats and some unpublished pieces by T.S. Eliot. When I first saw CATS on Broadway in 1985, the overall "renovation" of the theatre added a great deal to the production which could not be duplicated in a one week run in the Community Center. However, having lived with a cat for almost one year, the actions are much more appreciated.

The cast's dance members were in time with each other and the talents of Eddie Buffum (Mist-offellees), Bradford Minkoff (Rum

Tum Tugger), Linda Leonard (Jennyanydots), and Randy Wojcik (Macavity) are of particular note. The musical, best known for the hauntingly beautiful number "Memory" is truly a show stopper. Rosemary Loar (Grizabella) did not let the audience down, especially during her reprise of the number during the second act when her vocal strength seemed to vibrate every bone in the audience's collective body. On the downside, Francis Ruivivar's portrayal of Old Deuteronomy, the sage old cat was not convincing. His movement was not that of an old cat at all, but of a much younger feline.

Music Circus will actually close this season with another touring company production. "Me and My Girl" is the story of an irresistible cockney who inherits the title and trappings of an Earl and becomes a member of the English aristocracy. Critics across the country have given the show good reviews and it promises to be another outstanding evening of entertainment from the Music Circus staff. Tickets may be obtained by calling 441-3163 or 442-7827.

Golden Girl So-So

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

Puccini's "La Fanciulla del west," ("The Girl of the Golden West") opened the Sacramento Opera season on September 15.

This work had a successful Metropolitan Opera opening in 1910, but soon faded away due to its naive plot and pleasant but unmemorable music.

Minnie, the golden girl, is a cross between Bruennhilde and Mother Theresa. She runs the Polka Saloon in California's Mother Lode, teaches the miners bible verses, and has never even been kissed. Yet she cheats at cards to save her lover and plucks him from a lynch mob. Her music, full of high Cs, demands great power plus tenderness. Except brittle high notes, Susan Hinshaw was a success. Her rich soprano sometimes strayed from pitch in Act I, but she handled most of the music very well and even seemed to take the character seriously.

As her lover Dick Johnson of Sacramento, alias the bandit Ramerrez, Philip Bologna's tenor was watery and nasal, but it did

ring out on the high notes. His acting lacked charisma. Kimm Julian's beautiful baritone made a virile and menacing Jack Rance, the sheriff who also wants Minnie. The many small roles, portraying the life of the miners, were all well sung and acted. The all-male chorus sounded much larger than its 26 singers, but Monroe Kanouse's conducting sometimes bogged down.

The sets were highly effective, especially the massive twisted tree trucks of Act Three. None of the singers seemed particularly at ease on a horse, but they did manage to ride on and off.

Artists a Hit!

by Louis Camera
OF MGW STAFF

The Artist's Fashion Show Goes to Rio was presented by Sacramento Aid to AIDS on Saturday, September 9 at the Crest Theatre as part of a very festive evening. The show featured fashions designed by 29 local artists with ample use of plastic, glitter and mirrors. Written by local playwright Russ Dunn, best known for Carhops in Bondage (for which he worked in a subtle plug), the show featured local favorites Vicki Bailey and Frank Lawler as husband (Harry) and wife (Stella) who win a bowling trip to Rio, ergo an excuse to look at the fashions.

Some fashions, like that of Pamela Matthew were basic in design to reflect tropical wear, while others, like that of Mimi Fogg Wilson, who played with the fine line between good and evil, were

rather abstract. One of the hits of the evening was presented by Jon Barry Sabin who utilized body-builders from Valentis gym. He also used some of the more abstract fashions of the evening. One artist, Angouxs, engaged in interesting story-telling in a quasi bondage piece, Veritable Plethora.

The operative term for the evening was creativity. Gene Oldfield introduced a dancing wheeled toy which danced the tango along with "robots" and humans. Anamaria Gonzales-Pasquies designed a male-female lizard which looked like either head would give great tongue.

One of the more humorous notes of the evening was delivered through artists Flo Fahrenheit and Penny Crane in the number "There's More Than One Way to Skin a Banana," model Kathleen Taylor captivated the audience in her "Carmen Miranda-like" costume as she peeled a banana with her mouth and devoured it, but

when she went on to a second banana, she unwrapped a condom on it instead of repeating the earlier action. Another laugh was provoked by "Stella" who suggested that "Harry" spend more time in the gym after seeing the bodybuilders.

While the show moved well and gave local artists the ability to show off in another medium, the overall effect did not measure up to last year's program. The inter-

spersing of film clips, live music and wider variety of designs was more fun. For those who missed the show, a video is available through Patti Pope Burton at Sacramento Aid to AIDS.

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MCC Celebrates

by David Marcus
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Sacramento's River City chapter of the Metropolitan Community Church celebrated its 18th anniversary in late September with an event-packed weekend of both public and private gatherings.

Attending the weekend event was the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), River City MCC's parent organization.

Rev. Elder Freda Smith, the church's pastor and Vice Moderator of UFMCC, hosted Perry and hundreds of church members and guests at a series of meetings that was capped with a rousing worship service at Capitol Hall Plaza Sunday morning.

"We came through a kind of identity crisis this past year," Smith said, "and after searching all over Sacramento, we've decided to stay put in Oak Park."

Last January, the membership found itself meeting in various locations, including Westminster Presbyterian Church, when the structural integrity of their current home was called into question. Some major truss repairs, costing around \$20,000, left the church solidly committed to its present home and as Smith would put it, "Blooming where we were planted."

In addition to marking the church's 18th anniversary, Smith and Perry also used the weekend celebration to hold ordination services for the Rev. Ed Sheriff, Northwest District coordinator for UFMCC. Sheriff, who is already a licensed cleric and staff member of UFMCC, was not eligible for ordination within the church until he had served a minimum waiting period of three years.

At a carefully arranged brunch and press conference attended by church staff, board members and limited media, Rev. Smith claimed that River City MCC is rapidly becoming one of the most prominent churches in Sacramento's inner-city.

"We checked and found that we are currently enjoying the highest total attendance of any of them," Smith said, "and within five years, it is our goal to become one of the most influential churches in the downtown area."

"We are most equipped to meet the needs of this community... we've found ourselves situated in the number one growth area in downtown Sacramento, (and) now we're finding community leaders are starting to notice us."

The ecumenical acceptance that River City MCC is beginning to enjoy is a reflection of the national stature UFMCC has been garnering over the years. Though not yet accepted for membership in the National Council of Churches, a



Photo by Melba Duncan
FROM LEFT, NEWLY ORDAINED minister Ed Sheriff, Sacramento's Rev. Elder Freda Smith and Metropolitan Community Church Founder Rev. Troy Perry at the September 16 celebration brunch commemorating the 18th Anniversary of the Sacramento MCC.

dialogue has been ongoing for over six years.

According to Smith, the gay membership of River City MCC "frightens a lot of church people."

Now that they are learning to see us as whole people, they are finally beginning to discover that we really are not that different." Smith also sees the church assuming a major role in representing the various AIDS service agencies; possibly, in her words, "coordinating the entire Sacramento AIDS effort."

UFMCC Founder - A Man of Parts

by David Marcus
OF MGW Staff

The founder of the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the Rev. Troy Perry, has seen the church he founded grow from 12 people into an organization of over 40,000 members, almost \$40 million in property and representation in 12 countries.

Speaking at an informal luncheon Sept. 16 in Sacramento, Perry shared the experiences and plans that make up his leadership of UFMCC, and spoke about the people he has met over the years.

Answering questions in colorful anecdotes, Perry drops names like he's used to rubbing shoulders with California's elite. Indeed, according to him, UFMCC has a "power structure" in place because of the contacts he has.

That Perry enjoys his work is obvious. As he relates the important events of UFMCC's first 20 years, his eyes sparkle, sometimes with humor, sometimes in sadness, and always with the strong commitment that drives him.

Very few people are aware that the only time a communion has ever been served during a meeting of the National Council of Churches, it was consecrated by two lesbian clergy from UFMCC. Evidence, according to Perry,

"that God has an incredible sense of humor."

In his soon to be released book, tentatively titled "Don't be afraid Anymore," Perry intends to tell, among other things, of his long time correspondence with the late Ron Roberts, son of Oral Roberts. At age 15, Oral sent his son to U.C. Berkeley; he didn't go home for 15 years. Later, he committed suicide, unable to settle the internal conflict of his homosexuality with the rejection he experienced from his father.

Perry shares a perspective on life that makes him instantly attractive as a leader. With disarming openness, he deftly handles difficult questions as easily as he prays. Explaining recent events in San Francisco that involved charges that a UFMCC staff member had falsely reported a physical assault, he bluntly admitted, on behalf of his subordinates, that they had "slipped up." The staff member had lied about her qualifications, and they had failed to catch it.

Following anniversary celebrations in Sacramento Perry left for a three-week vacation with his life-partner, Phil. It's a big jump from the survival living that Perry endured during the early years of the Church, and indeed marks a change in the requirements of his leadership. Though in his words, Perry intends "to die in UFMCC," he readily confesses that "MCC is not built on Troy Perry."

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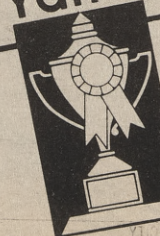
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Dear Dr. Jim:

How do I get my cat to travel well?

In today's society, everyone is on the move; it is no wonder our pets are travelling more too. Some basic guidelines to keep in mind can assure you and your pet a healthy, atraumatic trip. The first few trips will be frightening to your cat and will cause much vocalization and agitation. This behavior will slow and disappear after a few short trips.

It is best to start at a young age to get the cat accustomed to travel. Cats travel best in a plastic airline carrier (or for short trips a cardboard carrier). A cat loose in the car is easily spooked by the scenery flashing by the window. Also a loose cat in the car is a hazard to YOU! Cats seem to love to crawl and jam themselves under the brake pedal which can lead to an accident.

For long trips, do not feed your pet for six hours prior to your departure. If you pet is not accustomed to travel and is exceptionally agitated, tranquilization may be necessary. If you are considering this, please discuss this option with your veterinarian.

Also if travelling by plane, check with the airline prior to departure to inquire about their rules for animal travel. Some airlines have carrier size restrictions, and some require health certificates prior to travel. Find out the details before arriving at the terminal the day of departure. It may be too late!

A Note to dog owners: Sacramento has a law requiring dogs in open vehicles to be adequately restrained. Many dogs are injured each year falling or jumping out of the beds of moving trucks!

Dear Dr. Jim:

My veterinarian keeps harping about brushing my dog's teeth. How do I get my dog used to this and is it necessary?

Prevention is the best defense against gum disease and the loss of teeth. Regular check-ups by your veterinarian for the removal of built-up tartar and plaque is only the first step. Proper home care is the MOST important factor. This includes a proper diet of crunchy foods and regular brushing to clean the teeth and

stimulate gums. To get your pet used to brushing, you must start slowly. First get your pet accustomed to having its mouth handled by running your finger along the lip side of the teeth. If he resists, turn it into a game with rewards and praise. Make it fun!

Once your dog has accepted this handling you can start wrapping your finger with gauze and apply a small amount of special toothpaste available from your veterinarian or local pet store (don't use human toothpaste as this may make your pet ill). Use your gauze-wrapped finger to scrub the paste along the tooth line, concentrating mainly on lip side of teeth.

The entire process should take only a few minutes but needs to be repeated twice a week. This simple procedure will greatly improve your dog's dental health and reduce the number of visits to your veterinarian for professional scaling and polishing.

Dear Dr. Jim:

Will spaying cause my dog to get fat and lazy? And should I wait until after she has a litter?

Spaying (or neutering) will result in a slight slowing of the basal metabolic rate, the "engine," of your

dog. This can lead to a mild increase in fat deposition. But **DIET, EXERCISE, and HEREDITY** have much more influence on weight and attitude than this surgery. The advantages of this surgery (the elimination of unwanted pregnancies, the reduced risk of cancer, etc.) far outweigh the disadvantages.

Timing is important. Your dog should be spayed **BEFORE** she whelps a litter of pups and preferably before even her first heat cycle. There is **NO** advantage to running the risk of complications from a pregnancy. And a visit to the Sacramento SPCA or Animal Control will convince you of the lack of need for more pups. The health and behavior of your pet will be enhanced with early spaying (or neutering!).

Dear Dr. Jim:

Last month my dog chewed into a package of rat poison. I called poison control and was told to get the dog to vomit and take him to the vet. I had no idea how to get him to vomit. I managed to get him to an emergency clinic that helped him. But I still wonder how I could have gotten him to vomit. Is there something I can do as first aid if something like this happens again?

If you should discover that your pet has been exposed to a poison or even suspect, call your veterinarian **IMMEDIATELY!** He can give you specific instructions. If you can't find anyone to help, there is some first aid that can be administered at home that can aid in saving your dog's life in a poisoning situation.

First as much of the toxin as possible must be removed from the dog's body. If the poison was ingested, you must get your pet to vomit (note: if the animal has ingested corrosive material, such as strong acids, alkali, or kerosene, **DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING!**).

To get your pet to vomit, place a teaspoon of salt on the back of its tongue or use a tablespoon of hydrogen peroxide every 5 minutes until vomiting occurs. Then save the vomitus. Bring a sample of the vomitus and the container of poison to the hospital with your pet. If the animal was in physical contact with the toxin, wash its skin with large quantities of water.

For excitement or convulsions, try merely to protect the animal from injuring itself by wrapping a blanket or towel around the animal. Then proceed without delay to the veterinary hospital. Early identification and first

aid can make the difference between a fatal and non-fatal poisoning.

SPECIAL WARNING FOR THE FALL — Beware! This time of the year many car owners winterize their cars by changing the antifreeze. The old antifreeze is usually casually discarded into the street where it pools in gutters. Antifreeze is unfortunately very sweet tasting and aromatic. To your pet it is candy and when found the antifreeze is quickly lapped up. Tragically the ethylene glycol in antifreeze is one of the most deadly toxins. If you should find your own pet consuming antifreeze, do not hesitate. Get you pet to the veterinarian immediately.

Antifreeze poisoning can **ONLY** be treated if caught early and treated immediately. Do not wait for signs of toxication to occur. And please help protect you and your neighbor's pets by disposing of old antifreeze in a safe manner.

Dr. Jim is a graduate of the University of Missouri Veterinary School in Columbia. He located in Sacramento in 1985. While he was working at a local veterinary hospital, he met John Clements, an L.V.N. who is now his partner and office manager in their new venture The Pocket South Pet Hospital. He shares his home with "family members" Kirby, 2, and 10-week-old Mindy, both Dalmatians.



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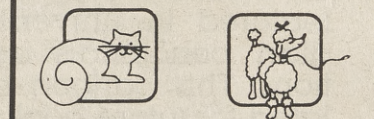
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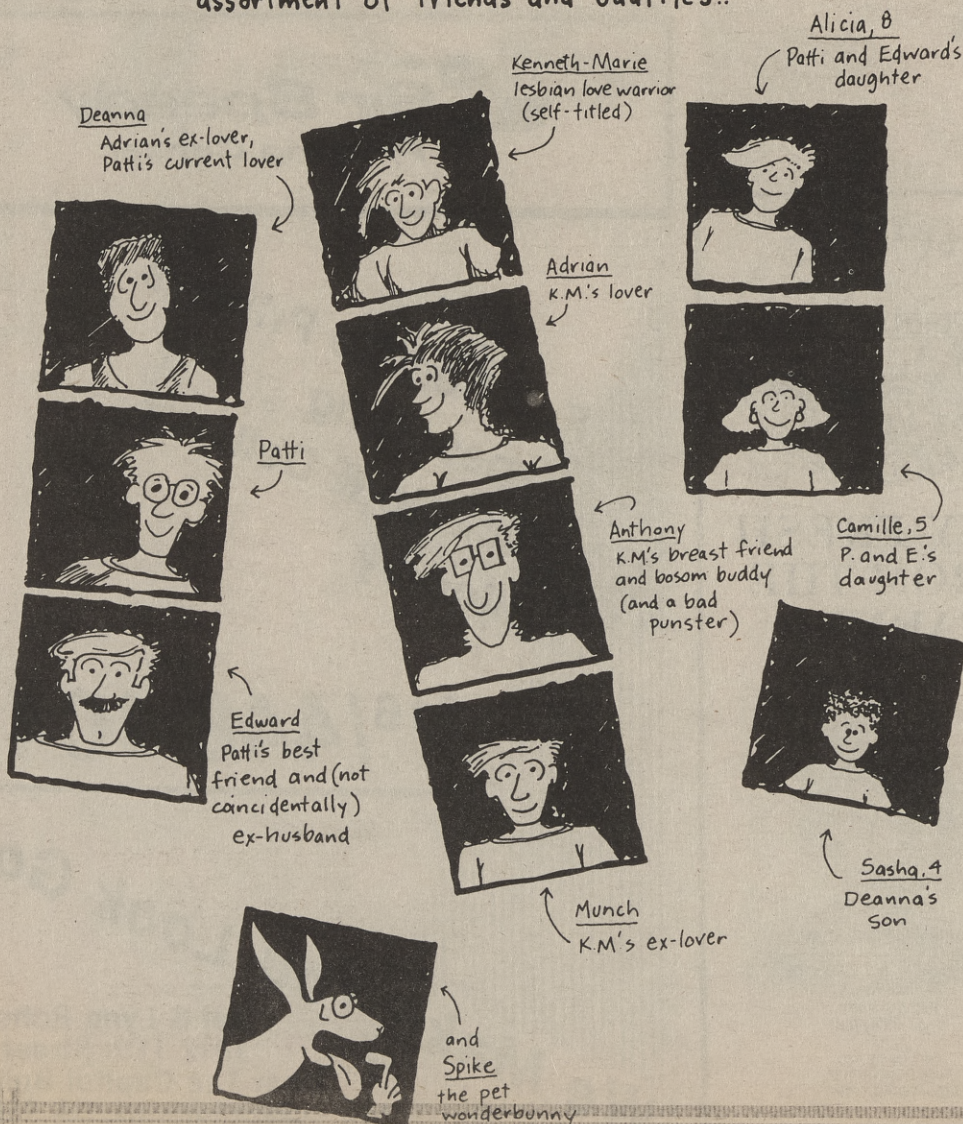
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